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## **TOWN of STRAFFORD**

**New Hampshire**

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**2004**

**For the year ending**

**December 31, 2004**

*To acknowledge and thank Roger S. Leighton for his many years of service to the Town.*



Over the years, he has served as a Selectman, an Auditor for both the Town and the School District, a Trustee of the Trust Funds, a Planning Board Member, a Master Plan Committee Member, and he has volunteered countless hours providing his expertise and help with questions regarding timber cuts and properties under current use taxation. He has also served "unofficially" as our resident historian. Part of his legacy will be the restoration and documentation of many of the older and lesser known cemeteries located within the Town. We greatly appreciate his wealth of knowledge and willingness to help with any project or endeavor as needed.

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **SELECTMEN**

Gloria Creamer 2004-2007

R. Stephen Leighton 2003-2006

JoAnn Brown 2002-2005

Ellen J. White--Administrator

### **TOWN CLERK**

Diane Waldron 2004-2007

### **TOWN TREASURER**

Bertha Huckins 2004-2007

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Judith Dupré (Appointed)

### **MODERATOR**

William G. Lord 2004-2006

## **SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Carol Cooper 2000-2006

Sandra K. Schwab 2001-2007

Marilyn Roderick 2002-2008

### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Kenneth A. Berry

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Martha English 2003-2006

Harmony Anderson 2002-2005

Pamela Marks 2004-2007

Karen Libby (Alternate)

Cheryl Sanborn (Alternate)

### **ROAD AGENT**

Greg Messenger 2004-2005

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER**

Stephen Smith

## **CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR (Emergency Management)**

Scott Whitehouse

## **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

William L. Marks 2002-2005

Betsy B. Cozine (Appointed) 2004-2005

Charles Burnham 2004-2007

## **FIRE WARDEN**

Glenn Pierce

## **DEPUTIES**

Tom Stano

Scott Whitehouse  
Loren Pierce

John MacDougall

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Randolph Young  
Timothy Sawyer

Scott Young--Chief of Police  
Mary Macfadzen--Secretary  
Donald J. Laliberte  
Eric Gale

Daniel Duffy  
Michael Richard

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Edgar W. Huckins--Chairman 2004-2007  
Paul Eaton 2004-2007

Charles Moreno 2002-2005  
Don Rhodes 2002-2005

R. Stephen Leighton 2003-2006

## **ALTERNATES**

Rene LaPanne

James Graham

Lester E. Huckins

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

William G. Lord--Chairman 2004-2007  
Herbert Scribner 2002-2005

Nathan Lake 2003-2006  
William L. Marks 2004-2007

Herman Groth 2004-2007

## **ALTERNATES**

Charles Burnham

Susan Arnold

Anthony D. K. Fallon

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Harmony Anderson 2002-2005  
Jack Bronnenberg 2003-2006  
JoAnn Brown 2002-2005  
Carolyn Page 2004-2007

Elizabeth Evans 2004-2007  
Albert Pratt 2003-2006  
Sarah M. Ward 2002-2005  
Calvin Schroeder (Alternate)

Bruce Smith (Alternate)

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Robert White

**ROCHESTER/RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE SERVICES and HOSPICE**

Telephone 755-2202 or 332-1133

**FIRE AND RESCUE**

Loren Pierce—Chief of Department

Scott Whitehouse—Deputy Chief

Erica Helm—Secretary

Sandra Pierce—Treasurer

**BOW LAKE STATION**

Robert Lobdell—Captain

**CENTER STATION**

Glenn Pierce—Captain

**CROWN POINT STATION**

Tom Stano—Captain

**LIEUTENANTS**

Dan Duffy

Paul Stover

Matt Lobdell

**DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

Terry R. Bickford

Terry A. Bickford

Ben Bickford

Paul Yergeau

PJ Yergeau

Ken Chick

Stephen Austin

Donna Michaud

Eugene Burrows

Nancy Penney

Randy Young

Darrel Lindh

Andrew Helm

Erica Helm

Jack Lagasse

David Palmer

Bill Riendeau

Wayne Pierce

Mary Seymour

Doug Hayes

David Hartranft

Andy Carroll

Patricia McCaffrey

Kelly Scribner

Louise White

TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

\*\* 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

\*\* 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the proposed Interim Growth Management Ordinance in accordance with NH RSA 674:23, to restrict new residential subdivisions of more than three lots for a period not to exceed one year, as proposed by the Planning Board?

\*\* 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

"To amend Article 1.4.1, Section D (3) "Land Requirements—Minimum Land Area" by deleting the words "with an average natural slope greater than 20%" and adding clarifying language to read as follows: "The minimum lot size for any building lot, any part of which will be located over 800 feet above sea level, shall be 5 acres."

\*\* 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Floodplain Development Regulations in the Town of Strafford Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board:

To update and amend Article 4.4 Floodplain Development Regulations to incorporate new maps for the County of Strafford, NH, effective date May 17, 2005 or as amended, as proposed by FEMA in connection with the National Flood Insurance Program.

**\*\* NOTE: ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT NUMBERS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH TWELFTH (12<sup>th</sup>) 2005 AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,771,000. (gross budget) for the site work and construction of a new Fire, Rescue and Municipal Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,471,000. of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. The balance of \$300,000. to come from general taxation. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.



6. To hear the report of the Fire, Rescue and Municipal Building Committee authorized pursuant to Article 14 of the 2001 Town Meeting.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction and/or site work and any other costs associated with the establishment of a future Fire, Rescue and/or Municipal Building and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000. for capital improvements to the following roads:

- a. Drainage work and paving of Water Street (appx., 1 mi.) and Lakeview Drive from its' intersection with Water Street to top of hill near Ardizzoni property (Map 32, Lot 4).
- b. Drainage work and paving of Leavitt Lane (appx. .2 mi.) and the intersection of Birch Road in Beaver Dam Development.
- c. Drainage work and paving (.5 mi.) of Northwood Road from Kerivan property to the Northwood town line.
- d. Drainage work and paving of Leighton's Corner Road (.7 mi.) from Route 126 to the Barnstead town line.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000. to be placed in the fund previously created for the purpose of funding any future bridge repairs/construction.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to re-open the closed portion of Old Whig Hill Road from its' intersection with Sunny Oak Terrace to the end of the existing pavement (near Tufts) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,000. for widening, drainage work and paving to Town standards.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$322,181. for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,189. for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle and authorize the use of \$1,500. trade in value with the balance of \$16,689. to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing two fuel tanks and pumps to supply both the Fire Department and Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500. for continued technical assistance (i.e. Engineering, DES Coordination, Groundwater Monitoring, Drawings, Reports) at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,554. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,217. for the following purposes: installation of monitored fire alarm system and exhaust removal system in each station as required by our insurance company.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,300. to be used for the purchase of forest fire fighting equipment to be partially funded by a 50/50 state grant in the amount of \$2,150. with the balance of \$2,150. to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,530. to be used for the fourth year's payment on the five year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing to own a new ambulance. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,530. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000. for new vinyl siding, windows and roofs for all three fire stations.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future purchase of a fire truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000. to be placed in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. to fund the cost of providing daytime ambulance coverage as needed.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200. to replace rugs, lighting, and ceiling tiles in the existing town office.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for a donation to the to the American Red Cross.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,070,241. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 55,875.
Election & Registration.....	15,300.
Financial Administration.....	58,315.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	33,600.
Legal Expenses.....	24,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	34,516.
Planning and Zoning.....	8,500.
General Government Building.....	16,500.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	26,750.
Insurance.....	26,185.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	2,820.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	3,707.
Contingency Fund.....	5,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	12,000.
Ambulance.....	5,000.
Emergency Management.....	750.
Building Inspection.....	16,500.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	266,000.
Street Lighting.....	3,500.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	270,000.
Animal Control.....	4,000.
Health Inspector.....	400.
Rochester Rural Visiting Nurse & Hospice.....	4,750.

General Assistance and Welfare.....	13,000.
Community Action.....	1,500.
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers of Strafford County.....	1,391.
Parks and Recreation.....	17,000.
Library.....	57,660.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,500.
Conservation Commission.....	750.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
Debt Service (Landfill Closure).....	77,280.
TOTAL.....	<hr/> \$ 1,070,241.

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$ 1,070,241. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.]

The Selectmen recommend this article.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

JoAnn Brown  
Gloria G. Creamer  
R. Stephen Leighton  
Selectmen of Strafford

## REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School District Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Please note that Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the Town Warrant will be voted on by ballot at this time. The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting purposes. The remaining articles will be presented for consideration on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.

After an additional year of study, the consensus of the building committee is that the plans presented last year are still the best option for a new Fire, Rescue and Municipal Facility. Article 5, will be asking to raise \$1,771,000. for the building and associated costs. The article will include a request to bond \$1,471,000. of the cost, with the balance of \$300,000. to be raised through general taxation this year. Passage of this article will require approval by a 2/3 ballot vote. The Selectmen would like to acknowledge and support the efforts made by the committee and request your support for this article.

In the event Article 5 does not receive the 2/3 majority required, we have also included Article 7, asking to raise \$400,000. to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of construction and/or site work and any other costs associated with the establishment of a future Fire, Rescue and/or Municipal Building.

Monitoring and groundwater testing continues at the Recycling Center/Transfer Station in order to maintain continued compliance with the State Requirements. Article 14 is requesting \$15,500. for this purpose. We plan to continue to keep the facility open on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., year round.

A special thank you to Roger Leighton for the countless hours he has donated while helping us to review our properties under current use taxation, as part of the State Certification process this year. His generosity with his time and expertise is immeasurable.

In closing, we would like to thank all those volunteers who continue to serve on our various Boards, Commissions and Committees, and as members of our Fire and Rescue Squad. Your time and effort on behalf of the Town is appreciated.

Respectfully,

JoAnn Brown, Chairman  
Gloria G. Creamer, Selectman  
R. Stephen Leighton, Selectman

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art.	Appropriations Prior Year as appv. by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (recomm.)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
4130-4139 Executive	24	53,575.	53,518.	55,875.
4140-4149 Elect. Reg. & Vital Stat. Auto Permits & Town Clerk Fees	24	41,774.	40,018.	42,050.**
4150-4151 Fin. Ad. CPA Audit	24	66,000.	65,710.	70,315.
4152 Reval. of Property & Tax Maps & Appraisal	24	33,600.	41,066.	33,600.
4153 Legal Expense	24	20,000.	20,963.	24,000.
4155-4159 FICA, Medi., Unemp. Comp.	24	28,880.	28,089.	34,516.
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	24	7,000.	7,620.	8,500.
4194 General Government Buildings	24	16,800.	12,973.	16,500.
4196 Insurance	24	26,185.	26,849.	26,185.
4197 SRPC Dues & Adv. & Reg. Assoc.	24	6,343.	6,344.	6,527.
4199 Contingency	24	5,000.	0.	5,000.
<b>PULIC SAFETY</b>				
4210-4214 Police	11	288,996.	288,788.	322,181.
4215-4219 Ambulance	24	1,000.	0	5,000.
4220-4229 Fire & Rescue	15	128,646.	108,263.	144,554.
4240-4249 Building Inspector	24	16,500.	14,861.	16,500.**
4290-4298 Emergency Management	24	750.	0	750.
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
4311 General Highways & Road Mnt.	24	266,000.	263,664.	266,000.
4316 Street Lighting	24	3,700.	2,820.	3,500.
<b>SANITATION</b>				
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	24	250,000.	272,819.	270,000.
<b>HEALTH</b>				
4411 Health Officer	24	400.	61.	400.
4414 Animal Control	24	5,000.	2,678.	4,000.
4415-4419 Roch. Rural VNA & Hospice	24	3,626.	3,625.	4,750.
<b>WELFARE</b>				
4441-4442 Admin. & Direct Assist.	24	12,000.	11,927.	13,000.
4445-4449 Comm. Actn., My Friends Place, Sexual Asslt. Support, Hommkrs Straff Cnty	24	3,994.	3,994.	4,083.
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
4520-4529 Parks and Recreation	24	17,000.	12,813.	17,000.
4550-4559 Library	24	50,916.	50,665.	57,660.
4583 Patriotic Purposes	24	4,500.	4,389.	4,500.
<b>CONSERVATION</b>				
4611-4612 Cons. Comm.	24	750.	749.	750.
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
4711 Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	24	73,839.	73,839.	73,839.
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	24	4,210.	4,210.	3,441.
4723 Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	24	2,000.	0	2,000.
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
4901 Land	8	170,000.	170,000.	170,000.

<b>Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)</b>	<b>Warr. Art.</b>	<b>Appropriations Prior Year as appv. by DRA</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures Prior Year</b>	<b>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (recomm.)</b>
CAPITAL OUTLAY cont.				
4902 Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	12, 17, 18	45,530.	43,663.	39,019.**
4903 Buildings	22	0.	0.	4,200.
4909 Improvements other than Bldgs	14	39,300.	33,613.	15,500.
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund	9,13	27,000.	27,000.	14,000.
<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>		<b>1,720,814.</b>	<b>1,697,591.</b>	<b>1,779,695.</b>

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount
4902	12	18,189.**	4915	13	7,000.
4902	17	4,300.	4915	9	7,000.
4902	18	16,530.**			
4903	22	4,200.			
4909	14	15,500.			

\*\* See revenues for patial offsets to these appropriations.

#### **SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

<b>Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)</b>	<b>Warr. Art.</b>	<b>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recomm)</b>
4903 Fire, Rescue & Municipl Building	5	1,711,000.**
4915 CRF-Fire, Resc. & Municipal Bulding	7	400,000.
4915-CRF-Future Fire Truck	20	75,000.

#### **INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

4909 Ambulance Coverage	21	20,000.
4909 American Red Cross	23	5.00
4901 Re-open Old Whig Hill Rd	10	195,000.
4903 Fire Alarms, Exhaust Systems	16	80,217
4903 Siding, Windows, Roofs (Fire Station)	19	43,000.

<b>SOURCE OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Warr. Art.</b>	<b>Est. Rev. Prior Yr.</b>	<b>Actual Rev. Prior Yr.</b>	<b>Est. Revenue Ensuing Yr.</b>
TAXES				
3185 Timber Taxes		32,780.	42,001.	68,000.
3190 Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		50,000.	46,434.	45,000.
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		570,000.	612,335.	590,000.
3230 Building Permits		17,000.	25,060.	24,000.**
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	24	24,000.	26,309.	25,000.**
FROM STATE				
3351 Shared Revenue		16,492.	33,854.	16,492.
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		128,412.	128,412.	128,412.
3353 Highway Block Grant		102,061.	102,061.	109,888.
3379 COPS FAST/Homeland Security		6,575.	23,797.	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406 Income from Departments		12,000.	19,936.	16,000.
3409 Planning Bd/Bd of Adjustment		6,000.	13,345.	4,000.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.	Est. Rev. Prior Yr.	Actual Rev. Prior Yr.	Est. Revenue Ensuing Yr.
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501 Sale of Municipal Property		0	6,997.	1,500.**
3502 Interest on Investments		10,000.	14,971.	12,000.
3503-3509 Ins. Adj./Refunds/Reimb		5,301.	14,509.	5,000.
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912 From Special Revenue Funds	18	21,530.	20,224.	16,530.**
3915 From Capital Reserve Funds		35,752.	35,752.	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	5	0	0	1,471,000.**
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		150,000.	150,000.	200,000.
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>		<b>1,187,903.</b>	<b>1,315,997.</b>	<b>2,732,822.</b>

\*\* These revenues partially offset appropriations

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	1,720,814.	1,779,695.
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		2,246,000.
SUBTOTAL 3 "INDIVIDUAL" WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		338,717.
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	1,720,814.	4,364,412.
LESS: AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS	<u>-1,187,903.</u>	<u>-2,732,822.</u>
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	532,911.	1,631,590.



# GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2004

ASSETS.....	Acct Number	Beg. of Yr.	End of Yr.
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and equivalents.....	1010	230,482	169,968
Investments.....	1030	2,618,575	1,024,401
Taxes Receivable.....	1080	412,803	1,979,202
Tax Liens Receivable.....	1110	157,341	180,775
Due from other Funds.....	1310	10,000	
TOTAL ASSETS.....		3,429,201	3,354,346
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Warrants and Accounts Payable...	2020	25,209	21,991
Due to School Districts.....	2075	2,719,003	2,554,761
Due to other Funds.....	2080	1,607	
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....		2,745,819	2,576,752
FUND EQUITY.....			
Reserve for encumbrances.....	2440	87,150	78,422
Unreserved Fund Balance.....	2530	596,232	699,172
TOTAL FUND EQUITY.....		683,382	777,594
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		3,429,201	3,354,346

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR TAXED ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 2004

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriations	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Town
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
4130-4139	Executive	18	53,575.
4140-4149	Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics, Auto & Town Clerk Fees	18	41,774.
4150-4151	Financial Administration, CPA Audit	18	66,000.
4152	Revaluation of Property, Tax Maps & Appraisal	18	33,600.
4153	Legal Expense	18	20,000.
4155-4159	Personnel Administration, FICA, MEDI, Unemp. Comp.	18	28,880.
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	18	7,000.
4194	General Government Buildings	18	16,800.
4196	Insurance	18	26,185.
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc., SRPC Dues	18	6,343.
4199	Other General Government	18	5,000.
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
4210-4214	Police	10&11	288,996.
4215-4219	Ambulance	18	1,000.
4220-4229	Fire	14	128,646.
4240-4249	Building Inspection	18	16,500.
4290-4298	Emergency Management	18	750.
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			
4312	Highways & Streets	18	266,000.
4316	Street Lighting	18	3,700.
<b>SANITATION</b>			
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	18	250,000.
<b>HEALTH</b>			
4411	Administration Health Officer	18	400.
4414	Pest Control-Animal Control	18	5,000.
4415-4419	Roch.Rural District VNA & Hospice	18	3,626.
<b>WELFARE</b>			
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist	18	12,000.
4445-4449	Community Action, My Friend's Place, Sexual Assault Support Homemakers of Strafford County	18	3,994.
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	18	17,000.
45450-4559	Library	18	50,916.
4583	Patriotic Purposes	18	4,500.

<b>Acct#</b>	<b>Purpose of Appropriations</b>	<b>Warr. Art. #</b>	<b>For Use by Town</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
4611-4612	Conservation Commission	18	750.
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
4711	Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes-Lanfill Closure Loan	18	73,839.
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes-Lanfill Closure Loan	18	4,210.
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	18	2,000.
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
4901	Land	8	170,000.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	12, 16, 17	45,530.
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs	13, 15	39,300.
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	6, 7, 9	27,000.
<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>1,720,814.</b>

<b>Acct.</b>	<b>REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>Warr. Acct. #</b>	<b>For Use by Town</b>
<b>TAXES</b>			
3185	Timber Tax		32,780.
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		50,000.
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	18	570,000.
3230	Building Permits	18	17,000.
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	18	24,000.
<b>FROM STATE</b>			
3351	Shared Revenues		16,492
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax distribution		128,412.
3353	Highway Block Grant		102,061.
3379	COPS FAST		6,575.
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments		12,000.
3409	Other Charges		6,000.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
3502	Interest on Investments		10,000.
3503-3509	Ins Adjust/Refunds/Reimbursements		5,301.

Acct. #	REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Town
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	16, 17	21,530.
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	12, 13	35,752.
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		1,037,903.
	LESS FUND BALANCE-REDUCE TAXES		150,000.
	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDIT		1,187,903.
	REQUESTED OVERLAY		\$100,000.

#### SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2004

Item	Acres	2004 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only	21,321	2,180,400.
Residential Land	6,833	183,496,300.
Commercial/Industrial	81	1,862,800.
Total of Taxable Land	28,235	187,539,500.
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$5,197,800.)	2,416	
Value of Buildings Only Residential		206,368,000.
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		4,549,500.
Commercial/Industrial		2,377,300.
Total of Taxable Buildings		213,294,800.
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$6,960,000.)		
Public Utilities		2,378,000.
Other Public Utilities		15,800.
Valuation Before Exemption		403,228,100.
16 Elderly Exemption		-549,400.
4 Disabled Exemption (30,000)		<u>-120,000.</u>
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		402,558,700.
Less Public Utilities		<u>-2,378,000.</u>
Net Valuation without Utilities on which tax rate for State Education Tax is Computed		400,180,700.

#### UTILITY SUMMARY

Public Service Company of NH	2,314,800.
North Country Water Supply	63,200.
Total	2,378,000.
City of Rochester-Municipal	\$15,800.

## TAX CREDITS

	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credit
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA72:35	700	4	2,800.
Other war service credits	200	<u>177</u>	<u>35,400.</u>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>		<b>181</b>	<b>38,200.</b>

## DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT

Income Limits: Single \$20,000.                      Asset Limit \$35,000.  
                          Married \$30,000.

## ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

Number of Applicants with INITIAL APPLICATION for Elderly Exemption for Current Year			Total Number of Individuals GRANTED an Elderly Exemption for the Current Year			
Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total
65-74	2	30,000	65-74	9	270,000.	251,900.
75-79	1	40,000	75-79	4	160,000	160,000.
80+		50,000	80+	3	<u>150,000</u>	<u>137,500.</u>
				16		549,400.

Income Limits: Single \$20,000.                      Asset Limit \$35,000.  
                          Married \$30,000.

## CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	Total # of acres receiving current use	Assessed valuation
Farm Land	1,126	386,500.
Forest land	14,414	1,520,400.
Forest Land w/Documented Stewardship	4,331	254,000.
Unproductive Land	68	900.
Wet Land	<u>1,382</u>	<u>18,600.</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>2,180,400.</b>

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	7,274
Remove from current use during current year	57
# of owners in current use	227
#of Parcels in current use	307

# DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

## Municipal Finance Bureau 2004 Tax Rate Calculation

### TOWN/CITY: STRAFFORD

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Gross Appropriations	1,720,814
Less: Revenues	1,187,903
Less: Shared Revenues	12,195
Add: Overlay	103,403
War Service Credits	38,200

Net Town Appropriation	662,319
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	662,319
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**TOWN RATE**  
**1.64**

### SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	7,422,695
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(2,099,616)
State Education Taxes	(1,075,418)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	4,247,661
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**LOCAL  
SCHOOL RATE**  
**10.55**

### STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$3.33	
322,948,281		1,075,418
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
400,180,700		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State →	0	

**STATE  
SCHOOL RATE**  
**2.69**

### COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	703,897
Less: Shared Revenues	(5,167)

Approved County Tax Effort	698,730
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**COUNTY RATE**  
**1.74**

**TOTAL RATE**  
**16.62**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	6,684,128
Less: War Service Credits	(38,200)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>6,645,928</b>

### PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.69	1,075,418
All Other Taxes	13.93	5,608,710
		6,684,128

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## TOWN OFFICER'S SALARIES

JoAnn Brown.....	2,199.96
Gloria Creamer.....	2,199.96
R. Stephen Leighton.....	2,200.00
Bertha Huckins.....	3,600.00
Diane Waldron.....	2,000.00
Judith Dupre.....	16,081.00
William L. Marks.....	175.00
William G. Lord.....	75.00

## TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Town Clerk's Fees.....	26,366.50
Auto Permits.....	\$ 8,748.00
Vital Statistics.....	167.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	12,397.50
M/V title.....	2,180.00
Marriage License.....	91.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	1,672.00
Wetland Perm/Pole License.....	140.00
Articles of Agreement.....	10.00
Animal Control Fees.....	961.00
Administrator.....	46,843.44
Deputy Tax Collector.....	1,140.26
Deputy Town Clerk.....	2,799.09
Clerical.....	13,453.91
Office Supplies.....	2,726.59
Postage.....	4,201.37
Printing.....	4,293.92
Conferences/Training.....	695.00
References Materials.....	616.86
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	500.00
Recording Fees.....	367.48
Sponsor March Calendar.....	130.00
Building Maintenance.....	1,300.00



**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**  
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

**RECEIPTS**

Balance January 1, 2004.....	\$ 2,842,481.94
Receipts.....	\$ 6,396,025.32

Total Receipts.....	\$ 9,238,507.26
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**EXPENDITURES**

Expenditures 2004.....	\$ 8,044,138.54
Balance Check Book, Dec. 31, 2004.....	\$ 169,967.77
Balance Investment Account .....	\$ 1,024,400.95

\$ 9,238,507.26

Bank of NH Investment Fund.....\$ 1,024,400.95

Strafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund	
Acct# NH 01-0562-0001 Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 77,149.39
Deposited 2004	\$ 95,810.00
Withdrew 2004 (\$10,000 land purchase/\$7338.38 easement costs)	\$ 17,338.38
Interest Earned 2004	\$ 673.77

Total Balance	\$ 156,294.78
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Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct. #NH 01-0030-0003	
Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 29,555.36
March 18, 2004 Withdrew for Ambulance payment	\$ 16,530.00
December 31, 2004 Withdrew for Cot for ambulance	\$ 3,693.60
Deposit for 2004	\$ 18,330.41
Interest Earned for 2004	\$ 293.36

Total Balance	\$ 27,955.53
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Conservation Commission Acct. #NH 01-0030-0004	
Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 3,146.12
Interest Earned 2004	\$ 38.34

Total Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 3,184.46
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Conservation Commission Neil Mooers Memorial	
Account #NH 01-0030-0002	
Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 415.32
Interest Earned	\$ 5.30

Total Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 420.62
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Solid Waste Retainage Acct # NH 01-0030-0005	
Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 6,590.05
Interest Earned 2004	\$ 9.49
March 31, 2004 Transferred to Checking Account to close out acct.	\$ 6,599.52

Total Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 0
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TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
INCORPORATED 1820  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

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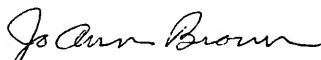
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To Whom It May Concern:

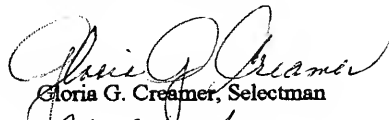
Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2004 is in process, therefore there is no Auditor's Report available at this time.

Upon completion of the audit, the information will be available for review at the Town Office.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
Office of the Selectmen



JoAnn Brown, Chairman



Gloria G. Creamer, Selectman



R. Stephen Leighton, Selectman

**STRAFFORD, NH**  
**TOWN MEETING – MARCH 9 & 13, 2004 and APRIL 3, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 9, 2004 at the Strafford Elementary School in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator pro-tem Diane Waldron to act on Articles 1 and 2 of the 2004 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

The ballots were cast and the meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of tallying the votes.

The 184<sup>th</sup> Strafford Town Meeting was called to order again at 8:39 a.m. on Saturday March 13, 2004 at the Strafford Elementary School by Moderator William Lord, to act on Articles 3 through 28.

Moderator Lord led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator gave the results of the March 9, 2004 Town Meeting as follows:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Voters on the checklist .....	2,410
Votes cast .....	691

Selectman – Three years

Gloria Creamer .....	373
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Moderator – Two years

William Lord .....	374
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Library Trustee – Three years

Pamela Marks .....	534
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Treasurer – Three years

Bertha Huckins .....	524
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Trustee of the Trust Fund – Three years

Charles H. Burnham .....	535
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Town Clerk – Three years

Diane Waldron .....	540
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Road Agent – One year

Greg Messenger .....	562
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Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years

Sandra K. Schwab .....	544
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2. Are you in favor of the adoption and amendment to the existing Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinance as proposed in the petition as follows:

“Pursuant to fulfilling general goals expressed in the Town of Strafford 2002 Master Plan, to change Article 1.4.1, Section D, of the Town’s Zoning and Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

1.4.1 D–Minimum Land Area–A lot shall contain not less than three (3) acres of land that is suitable for development (130,680 square feet) with an additional 20,000 square feet of land that is suitable for development for each additional family unit under a common roof, except as set forth in parts (1) and (2) of this subsection.”

The Planning Board does not recommend this article.

YES - 258

NO -- 286

Dennis Vachon then gave the results of the School District balloting.

Moderator Lord explained the rules of the meeting and that we will follow the rules as suggested by the NH Municipal Association.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,471,000. (gross budget) for the site work and construction of a new Fire, Rescue and Municipal Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,471,000. of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Selectman, Gloria Creamer made a motion to hear Article 4 before Article 3, since article 4 is a report of the building committee, so that we can accurately vote on Article 3. The motion was seconded. The motion was put to a vote. Vote carried.

4. To hear the report of the Fire, Rescue and Municipal Building Committee authorized pursuant to Article 14 of the 2001 Town Meeting. Furthermore, to ask that the committee continue to serve until the completion of this project.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Selectman, Steve Leighton made a motion to review the report and was seconded. Lester Huckins presented the report of the Fire and Rescue and Municipal Building Committee. Tony Fallon reviewed the proposal for Town Municipal Complex.

A motion was made to move the question and seconded. Motion carried.

Article 4 was put to a vote. Vote carried.

At this time a motion was made to return to Article 3 and seconded.

Moderator Lord returned to Article 3 and read the article.

After very lengthy discussion a motion was made to call the question and limit debate. Motion seconded. A vote to call the question was taken. Vote carried.

At 10:05 a.m. the Moderator re-read Article 3, opened the poles and said that the polls will be open for one hour, until 11:05 a.m.

At 11:25 a.m. the Moderator read the results of Article 3.

YES – 209      NO – 141

2/3 ballot vote required for this article to pass. Article 3 failed.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,000. for the purpose of purchasing the land and buildings located at 23 Roller Coaster Road in Strafford (Map 11, Lot 47, the former residence of Sarah Huckins).

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read Article 5. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion a motion was made to postpone this article to hear the results of article 3. The motion was seconded. Vote taken and carried.

At 11:25 a.m. the Moderator read the results of Article 3.

At 11:26 a.m. a motion was made and seconded to address article 5.

Selectmen, Gloria Creamer and Stephen Leighton addressed the article.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made to move the article and seconded. The motion to move was put to a vote and carried.

Moderator Lord re-read the article and the article was put to a vote.

Moderator Lord then asked for counters, because the vote looked so close.

Votes counted: YES - 169 NO - 115

Article 5 carried.

6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1-c to be used for Town Office equipment, furnishings and/or improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion, the Moderator re-read the article. Article 6 was put to a vote. Vote carried.

Selectman, JoAnn Brown then stood as a resident of Strafford, and asked for a reconsideration vote on Article 3.

“To see if the Town will vote to reconsider Article 3 for a meeting held at least 7 days hence, with notice given in a newspaper at least 2 days before the reconsideration vote”.

After lengthy discussion regarding the propriety of the placement of the reconsideration question and the timing of the next meeting, a resident made a motion to table the issue. The motion was

seconded. A vote was taken to table the issue and was negative. After additional lengthy discussion a motion was made to move the question and end debate. Motion voted on and carried.

A vote was then taken to reconsider Article 3. Vote taken and carried.

After lengthy discussion Moderator Lord asked for a vote regarding the date of the next meeting. After lengthy discussion a vote was taken for 2 weeks hence, and carried.

It was then brought to the attention of the Moderator that the facility for the meeting would not be available on March 27. After more discussion Moderator Lord asked for another vote and it was decided that the timing of the next meeting would be three weeks hence, on April 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. at the Strafford Elementary School. Vote taken and carried.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the fund previously created for the purpose of storing records currently being stored at the Town Offices (by microfiche or other method) and the equipment to read the files.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

The moderator read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion the moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000. for capital improvements to the following roads:

- a. Drainage work and paving of the Ricky Nelson Road (Appx. 1.2 miles) from the intersection of Province Road to the intersection of Range Road.
- b. Drainage work and paving a section of Sloper Road (Appx. .6 mile) from the intersection of Route 202A South, by Huse property.
- c. Overlay paving of the Cross Road.
- d. Drainage work and paving of Beechwood Drive (Appx. .3 miles) from the intersection of Whig Hill Road.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the Article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion, the Moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

**9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c to be used for the purpose of funding any future bridge repairs/construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

The Moderator read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Selectman Stephen Leighton addressed the article. Road Agent Greg Messenger addressed questions. After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

**10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,338. for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Police Chief Scott Young addressed questions on the article. After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

**11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a full-time police officer and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,658 to cover this position and benefits. This position was a COPS FAST grant which expired on December 31, 2003. This is in accordance with RSA 32:6-a Continuation of Grant-Funded Programs.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read article 11. Before taking a motion on article 11, the Moderator announced that after the three people in line vote, the polls will be closed for article 3.

A motion was made and seconded on article 11. Chief Young and Selectman JoAnn Brown addressed questions on article 11.

After lengthy discussion the Moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

**12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000. for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle and equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$12,036., plus any interest from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the Article. Motion made and seconded. Chief Young addressed the article.

After brief questions and discussion the Moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

At this time, at 11:25 a.m. the Moderator read the results of Article 3.

**13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,300. for continued technical assistance (i.e. Engineering, DES Coordination, Groundwater Monitoring, Drawings, Reports) at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,668., plus any interest from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

The moderator read the article. Motion made and seconded. No discussion. Vote taken and carried.

At this time a motion was made to reconsider Article Five at a later date and seconded.

After lengthy discussion a vote was taken to reconsider Article 5.

YES – 121                      NO – 97

Vote carried.

**14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,646. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Loren Pierce addressed the article. No discussion. Article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

**15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the purpose of re-paving the Center Strafford Station driveway and the Crown Point Station parking lot.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article.

Motion made to table and seconded. No debate. 2/3 majority needed to table. Vote to table failed.

Moderator Lord re-read the article. Motion made and seconded to put article to a vote. Vote carried.

**16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be used for the purchase of a new ambulance cot and medical equipment. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.



Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

No discussion. The Moderator re-read the article. The article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,530. to be used for the third year's payment on the five year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing to own a new ambulance. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,530. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

No discussion. The Moderator re-read the article. Article put to a vote. Vote carried.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,021,342. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 53,575.
Election & Registration.....	15,000.
Financial Administration.....	54,000.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	33,600.
Legal Expenses.....	20,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	28,880.
Planning and Zoning.....	7,000.
General Government Building.....	16,800.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	26,774.
Insurance.....	26,185.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	2,716.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	3,627.
Contingency Fund.....	5,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	12,000.
Ambulance.....	1,000.
Emergency Management.....	750.
Building Inspection.....	16,500.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance. ....	266,000.
Street Lighting.....	3,700.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	250,000.
Animal Control.....	5,000.
Health Inspector.....	400.
Rural District Visiting Nurse.....	3,626.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	12,000.
Community Action.....	1,500.
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers of Strafford County.....	1,302.
Parks and Recreation.....	17,000.

Library.....	50,916.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,500.
Conservation Commission.....	750.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
Debt Service (Landfill Closure).....	78,049.
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,021,342.</b>

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,021,342.exclusive of all other Articles addressed.]

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion, Steve Bolger made a motion to amend the article. Motion seconded. "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,010,880.00 for general town operations".

A vote was taken to amend the article. Vote to amend failed.

After further discussion, Bill Vance then made a motion to amend the recycling budget and was seconded.

"To amend the budge for solid waste disposal from \$250,000 to \$220,000."

Moderator Lord read the amendment. Selectman, Steve Leighton addressed the amendment.

After brief discussion a motion was made to move the question and seconded.

Moderator Lord re-read the amendment. Vote to amend the article was taken. Vote failed.

Motion made to move the original question. Motion seconded. Vote to move on the article as originally written was taken. Vote carried.

Article 18 as originally written was put to a vote. Vote carried.

19. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the use of Xavier Drive as a public way pursuant to RSA 231:43.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Selectman Steve Leighton addressed the question.

After brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the question. Article 19 put to a vote. Vote carried.

A motion was then made to reconsider Article 19. Motion seconded.

After brief discussion a motion was made to move the debate on reconsideration.  
Vote carried.

Reconsideration of Article 19 was put to a vote. Vote failed.

Selectman, Steve Leighton made a motion to limit reconsideration of all previous articles and was seconded. Vote taken and carried.

**20.** To see if the Town will vote to allocate 100% of any revenues collected from timber harvesting management activities on town owned lands, unless otherwise excluded, to the conservation fund established under Article 18 of the 1999 Town Meeting in accordance with RSA 36-a:5 III. The Conservation Commission recommends this article.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Liz Evans addressed the article. No discussion.

The Moderator re-read the article. Article put to a vote. Vote carried.

**21.** To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following Class VI roads as Class A Trails pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: New Bow Lake road from Hellfach and Blake property (Tax Map 8, Lot 28) to the Barrington town Line; Willey Road from Parker Mountain Road (a.k.a. Route 126) to the Parker Mountain Boy Scout Camp entrance (Tax Map 9, Lot 20); Little Niagara Road from Barn Door Gap Road (a.k.a. Second Crown Point Road) to the Durgin property (Tax Map 17, Lot 25). The Conservation Commission recommends this article.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Liz Evans recommended an amendment to the article and discussed the amendment. Motion to amend seconded.

“To see if the town will vote to reclassify the following Class VI roads as Class A trails pursuant to RSA 2341-a:2: new Bow Lake Road from Hellfach and Blake property (Tax Map 8, Lot 28) to the Barrington town line; Little Niagara Road from Barn Door Gap Road (a.k.a. Second Crown Point Road) to the Woolett property (Tax Map 17, Lot 26)”.

Amendment put to a vote. Vote carried.

After brief discussion, Irving Johnson recommended an amendment to the article. Motion to amend seconded.

“A landowner may elect not to have the portion of the road serving the land abutting the class 6 road reclassified as a class A trail by notifying the Selectmen in writing within 90 days of enactment of Article 21”.

After further discussion Moderator Lord re-read the amendment. The amendment was put to a vote. Vote carried.

Discussion continued on Article 21 as amended.

After further lengthy discussion a motion was made to end debate and seconded. A vote was taken to end debate. Vote carried.

The Moderator read the article as amended. A vote was taken on the amended article. Vote carried.

**22.** “To see if the Town will vote to change the classification of the following roads from Class VI highways to Class A trails, as authorized by RSA 231-A:

Cross Road - from the intersection of Cross and Johnsonboro Roads to a point at the intersection of the most southerly boundary of Lot 16 on Tax Map 15.

Evans Mountain Road - from a point at the intersection of the most southeasterly boundary of Lot 20 on Tax Map 2 (N/F Elmcroft Trust) to a point 800 feet to the north of the boundary line of Lot 26 on Tax Map 5 (N/F Rowe).

Johnsonboro Road - from the intersection of Cross and Johnsonboro Roads to the easterly side of the Mohawk River.

Mousam Road - from the intersection with Second Crown Point Road to a point at the intersection of the most southerly boundary of lot 9A on Tax Map 14(N/F Johnson).

Pig Lane - from a point at the intersection of the most northerly boundary of Lot 7 on Tax Map 12 to the southerly side of the Isinglass River.

Second Crown Point Road - from a point at the intersection of the most northwesterly boundary of Lot 9 on Tax Map 18 to a point at the intersection of the most northwesterly boundary of Lot 11-3 on Tax Map 14 (N/F Blue Hills Foundation).

**RSA 231-A:1 Class A and B Trails. -**

I. A class A trail shall be a full public right-of-way, of indefinite duration subject to public trail use restrictions. It shall not have the status of a publicly approved street, and shall not be used as vehicular access for any new building or structure, or for the expansion, enlargement, or increased intensity of use of any existing building or structure. It may, however, be used by the

owners of land abutting on such trail, or land served exclusively by such trail, to provide access for such nondevelopment uses as agriculture and forestry, or for access to any building or structure existing prior to its designation as a trail, and such owners' access for such uses shall be exempt from applicable public trail use restrictions, subject only to reasonable time, season and manner regulations imposed by the local governing body. The municipality shall bear no responsibility for maintaining the trail for such uses by abutting owners. Such owners shall, prior to excavation, construction or disturbance of a class A trail, obtain permission from the municipal officers, in the same manner prescribed for highways in RSA 236:9-11.” (by Petition.)

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Phil Auger addressed the article.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made to move the question and limit debate. The motion was seconded.

A voice vote was taken to waive re-reading of the question.

Article 22 was put to a vote. Vote failed.

**23.** “To see if the Town will vote to approve the following ordinance:

#### Scenic Roads Ordinance

1. Designation. Upon the recommendation or request of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, or by petition, the Town Meeting may designate any road in the Town, with the exception of Class I or Class II highways, as a “Scenic Road”, as provided by RSA 231:157.
2. Effect of Designation. Upon a road being designated as a Scenic Road, as provided under 1, above, any repair maintenance, reconstruction or paving work done within the right of way by any person, agency, or any other entity, public or private, shall not involve or include the cutting, damage, or removal of trees 15 inches or more in circumference measured four feet from the ground, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or any portion thereof, except with the prior, written consent of the Planning Board, after a public hearing, duly advertised as to time, date, place and purpose, two (2) times in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, the last publication to occur at least seven (7) days prior to such hearing, as provided and set forth in RSA 231:158.
3. Protection of Stone Walls. Stone walls that are located along the front property line of lots abutting a Scenic Road shall be protected and preserved to the maximum extent possible. If the Planning Board, after holding a public hearing, as required by 2, above, approves the removal of a portion of a stone wall, the stones taken from the original wall shall be reused on the property to rebuild deteriorated portions of the stone wall, or to construct a stone wall at the driveway entrance.
4. Violations and Penalties. Any person or entity violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day of said violation shall be construed as a separate offense. Said violation shall be held responsible for the restoration of the stone wall or trees (s).” (by Petition.)

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

The Moderator read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Bob Perry addressed the article and read a narrative in support of article 23.

Michael Harrington recommended an amendment to the article and was seconded.

The amendment would add a section 5 the article and would read:

“5) The town must obtain in writing, the agreement of all abutting land owners prior to designating any road as a scenic road. The provisions contained in sections 1 through 4 can not be applied to existing scenic roads without obtaining the written permission of all abutting landowners”.

After brief discussion the question was called and seconded.

A vote was taken to limit debate. Vote carried.

A vote was taken to amend Article 23 by adding Section 5.

YES – 72                      NO – 71

Vote challenged due to being so close. A recount was done. Motion to add Section 5 to Article 23 carried.

Question moved and seconded. A motion was made to limit debate. Motion carried to limit debate.

Vote was taken on article 23 as amended. Vote failed.

**24.** “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veterans’ exemption and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the exemption? The optional veteran’s exemption is \$100., rather than \$50.”

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion, Ron Kallaway made a motion to amend the article and was seconded. “To increase the exemption to \$200. for veterans rather than \$50.”

A vote was taken to amend Article 24. Vote carried.

Article 24 as amended was put to a vote. Vote carried.

**25.** “Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Strafford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000.; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$40,000.; for a person 80 years of age or older \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000. or, if married, a combined net income of less than

\$30,000.; and own assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance."

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. No discussion. Article put to a vote. Vote carried.

26. "Shall the town vote to modify the exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$30,000. To qualify the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for as least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1, a net income from all sources of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance."

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.  
Brief discussion. Article put to a vote. Vote carried.

27. Are you in favor adopting the provisions of RSA 41:14-a which allows, until specific rescission of the authority, the Selectmen to acquire or sell, Town of Strafford owned land, buildings, or both, after the recommendation of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and after 2 public hearings thereon.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion a motion was made to table the question and seconded. This was non-debatable. A vote was taken to table. Vote to table failed.

The question was moved and seconded. Vote taken and carried.

Article 27 put to a vote. Vote carried.

A Motion to reconsider article 27 was made and seconded.  
After brief discussion a motion was made to move the reconsideration question, and seconded.

A vote was taken to reconsider Article 27. Vote failed.

A motion was made to limit reconsideration of all previous articles except 3 & 5 and seconded.  
Vote to limit reconsideration carried.

28. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Richard Hodges voiced a question on impact fees. Steve Leighton and Liz Evans addressed the question.

A motion was made to adjourn until April 3, 2004 and seconded. Vote taken and carried.

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The meeting was called to order again at 8:50 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at the Strafford Elementary School in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator William Lord to reconsider Articles 3 and 5 on the 2004 Warrant.

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting.

At 8:55 a.m. Moderator Lord read article 3:

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,471,000. (gross budget) for the site work and construction of a new Fire, Rescue and Municipal Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,471,000. of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

George Kitiz and Tony Fallon addressed the article.

After lengthy questions and discussion Richard Macabre made a motion to close debate and was seconded.

Moderator Lord said we must take immediate vote on debate. Must be 2/3 majority to pass. He took a vote on limiting debate. The vote carried.

Moderator Lord re-read the article and opened the polls at 9:55 a.m.

The polls were declared officially closed at 11:00 a.m. by Moderator Lord.

He stated that he would not allow a vote on Article 5 until we know the results of article 3.

Moderator Lord then read Article 5 to open debate.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,000. for the purpose of purchasing the land and buildings located at 23 Roller Coaster Road in Strafford (Map 11, Lot 47, the former residence of Sarah Huckins).

The Selectmen recommend this article.

JoAnn Brown addressed the article.



Moderator Lord read the petition given to him by Eric Gale, from the voters, that Article 3 be conducted by ballot vote. Moderator Lord then read the names to confirm that the people on the petition were present. He confirmed that there were at least 8 people on the petition present.

Article 5 will be voted on by secret ballot, which is an undebatable point.

Moderator Lord opened the floor.

Dennis Vachon spoke. He proposed an amendment on Article 5 and was seconded.

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize and to raise the sum of \$269,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing the land and buildings located at 23 Roller Coaster Road in Strafford (Map 11, Lot 47, the former residence of Sarah Huckins), and to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c to be used for the purpose of funding the relocation of the buildings from said premises to the vacant lot directly behind the new Post Office Building off of Route 126 owned by the Town of Strafford and for site work, including the construction of a proper foundation, driveway, well and septic system suitable for a single family residence, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expand the funds in this fund for said purposes, and to authorize the Selectmen to place the Town’s said property off of Route 126 on the open market for sale and to sell such property together with it’s new buildings and improvements for it’s fair market value, the proceeds of said sale together with any unexpended funds in the Non-Capital Reserve Fund hereby created to be placed in a Capital Reserve fund and dedicated to the future construction of a new municipal facility on the 23 Roller Coaster Road property.”

Dennis then discussed his feelings about why he proposed the amendment.

At this time Moderator Lord read the results of Article 3:

YES – 257

NO – 249

Article 3 failed.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to move Article 5 and end debate.

After Moderator Lord read the rule on limiting debate a vote was taken to limit debate and failed.

Scott Goodell made a motion to move the question and seconded. Vote taken and carried.

Moderator Lord declared the polls open at 11:38 a.m.

At 12:08 the Moderator stated that the polls must stay open until 12:38. If any issues were to come before the meeting we could discuss them, otherwise the polls would be open until 12:38 at which time the ballots would be counted and the results announced.

Moderator Lord asked if there was any additional business to come before the town.

**28. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

Tom Stano made a motion to authorize the Building Committee to function in the coming year, and to find out what direction the town wants the building committee to go in. The motion was seconded.

Moderator Lord asked for discussion. After discussion, vote taken and carried.

Bob Perry asked for a motion to read:

“Move to require the existing committees considering imposition of impact fees to report within 60 days”.

The motion was seconded.

Steve Leighton addressed the motion.

After brief discussion Bob Perry asked to amend his motion to read:

“Move to require the existing committees considering imposition of impact fees to report within 180 days”.

Vote taken and carried.

The Moderator then asked if there was additional business to come before the town. After no discussion, the moderator stated that the polls would close for Article 5 in 16 minutes at which time the votes would be counted and results announced.

At 12:38 p.m. Moderator Lord closed the polls.

Gary Fowler made a motion to restrict reconsideration on all prior articles. Motion seconded. Moderator Lord explained the rules on reconsideration.

Vote taken on the motion to restrict reconsideration. Vote carried.

At 12:52 p.m. Moderator Lord read the results of Article 5.

YES – 117

NO – 159

Article 5 failed.

At 12:53 p.m. Glen Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded.

Vote to adjourn taken and carried.

Given under my hand and seal, this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Waldron,  
Strafford Town Clerk

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2004**

I have enjoyed serving you as Town Clerk this past year. It has been a pleasure to see you as you come in to register your vehicles, license your dogs, register to vote etc. etc.

Many continue to take advantage of REGISTERING RENEWALS BY MAIL...this option saves a trip to the Town Office and time in line! I encourage everyone to take advantage of this great service and mail in for your renewals.

### **The Town Clerk's office offers the following services:**

Vehicle Registrations - Dog Licenses - Vital Records - Voter Registration –  
Marriage Licenses – Election Coordination - Dump Stickers

### **The Town Offices will be closed on the following days in 2005:**

January 17	(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
February 1	(Special Election – State Rep)
February 21	(President's Day)
March 8	(Town Election Day)
May 30	(Memorial Day)
July 4	(Independence Day)
September 5	(Labor Day)
October 10	(Columbus Day)
November 24	(Thanksgiving Day)
December 26	(Christmas Holiday)

- On all Election Days, the polls open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.
- Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.
- Elections and Town Meeting are held at the Strafford Elementary School Gymnasium.

### **The Town Clerk's office hours are:**

Monday – 9:00 to 1:00 and 4:00 to 7:00  
Tuesday – 9:00 to 2:30  
Wednesday – 9:00 to 2:30  
Thursday – 9:00 to 12:00

A reminder that ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED BY APRIL 30th. State law requires that all dogs 4 months and older be licensed between January 1 and April 30 EACH YEAR. To avoid late fees, please license your dogs before May 31 (this includes a 30 day "grace period"). If you would like to license your dogs by mail, please call the Town Clerk's office for details.

If you have questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to call us at (603)664-2192 Ext. 14. We are always happy to answer your questions and help in any way we can.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Waldron  
Strafford Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004**

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**RECEIPTS FOR 2004:**

Description	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$ 612,334.99
Dog Licenses.....	\$ 6,487.50
Marriage Licenses.....	\$ 585.00
Filing Fees.....	\$ 15.00
Returned Check Fees.....	\$ 150.00
Dog Control Fees.....	\$ 683.00
Vital Statistic Copies.....	\$ 492.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 12,397.50
Title Fees.....	\$ 2,176.00
Wetlands/Pole Applications.....	\$ 150.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 1,667.00
Postage.....	\$ 535.89
Articles of Agreement/Noise Ordinance Fine.....	\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED</b>	<b>\$ 637,713.88</b>

**REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:**

Qty	Description	Amount
5,832	Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$ 612,334.99
961	Dog Licenses.....	\$ 6,487.50
13	Marriage Licenses.....	\$ 585.00
15	Filing Fees.....	\$ 15.00
6	Returned Check Fees.....	\$ 150.00
N/A	Dog Control Fees/Fines.....	\$ 683.00
48	Vital Statistic Copies.....	\$ 492.00
4,959	Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 12,397.50
1,088	Title Fees.....	\$ 2,176.00
15	Wetlands/Pole Applications.....	\$ 150.00
N/A	UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 1,667.00
N/A	Postage.....	\$ 535.89
4	Articles of Agreement/Noise Ordinance Fine.....	\$ 40.00
	<b>TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	<b>\$ 637,713.88</b>

# **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2004**

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector in the Town of Strafford for the past seven years. As Tax Collector I am responsible for collecting revenue from Property Taxes; Yield Taxes and Current Use Change Taxes, implementing liens, keeping a current and accurate record of all money that comes through my office, as well as responding to inquiries from homeowners, banks, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the general public in a courteous and timely manner.

In 2003 the Department of Revenue Administration Department administered a "Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief" program. Some homeowners were able to receive a helping hand with taxes. There is an income ceiling for each household, call me or pick up a form to determine if you are eligible for this relief. I have not received any of the forms (DP-8) as of this time. Last year they were to be postmarked no sooner than May 1 and no later than June 30. Be sure to check with my office for the forms before these dates.

Forms for "The Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act" are also available if anyone is in need of them. If the taxpayer received activation orders which stipulate Title 10 please pick up the forms at my office to see if you are eligible for this Civil Relief Act.

Strafford's School Budget for 2004 is \$7,422,695.00 (Gross Approp.-Revenue). The State has calculated that the cost of an Adequate Education in Strafford is \$3,175,034.00. The State Property Tax will raise \$1,075,418.00. We will receive an Adequate Education Grant for \$2,099,616.00. This leaves \$4,247,661.00 to be raised by our Local School Tax. That sets the 2004 school tax rate at \$10.55 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Strafford's 2004 Town Tax rate is \$1.64, and County Tax is \$1.74, School Tax is \$10.55, State School Portion is \$2.69. Our Total Tax Rate for the year is \$16.62.

The total Property Tax Warrants this year were \$6,656,050. Warrants for Current Use Change Tax totaled \$130,750.00, of which \$95,810 was collected and turned over to the Conservation Commission of Strafford. The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants were \$39,004.77.

Our 2004 lien was \$153,461.21. This is a \$61,869.81 decrease from last year.

Thank you to everyone for your patience thru the valuation changes that were made this year in order for us to comply with the State Certification rules. It put a lot of extra work on all of us but we will make it thru.

I personally would like to say, "Thank You," to my Deputy, Maureen Dolen. She has been a tremendous help to all of us this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Dupre'  
Tax Collector

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

For the Municipality of

**Strafford**

Year Ending **12/31/2004**

## DEBITS

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

**Levy for Year  
of this Report**

### PRIOR LEVIES

#### BEG. OF YEAR\*

		2004	2003	(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 2002 PRIOR YEARS	
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXX	\$516,048.91	\$37,514.82	\$12,910.39
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXXX			
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXXX			
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXX	\$3,750.51		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXX			
Utility Charges	#3189	XXXXXXX			

### TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$6,656,050.00	\$153,461.21
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120	\$130,750.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$39,004.77	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189		

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### OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Interest- Late Tax	#3190	\$10,414.43	\$31,947.47	\$14,385.67	\$2,098.25
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				

### TOTAL DEBITS

\$6,836,219.20	\$705,208.10	\$51,900.49	\$15,008.64
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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of

Strafford

Year Ending 12/31/2004

## CREDITS

### REMITTED TO TREASURER

### Levy for this Year

### PRIOR LEVIES

	2004	2003	2002	(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) PRIOR YEARS
Property Tax	\$4,701,660.86	\$446,293.32	\$28,273.97	\$11,129.05
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	\$105,810.00			
Yield Taxes	\$38,250.55	\$3,750.51		
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$10,414.43	\$31,947.47	\$14,385.67	\$1,923.25
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charge				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$153,461.21		

### DISCOUNTS ALLOWED

### ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$135.00
Resident Taxes	
Land Use Change	
Yield Taxes	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	
Utility Charges	

### CURRENT LEVY DEEDED

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES-

### END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$1,954,389.14	\$69,620.59	\$9,240.85	\$1,956.34
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	\$24,940.00			
Yield Taxes	\$754.22			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				

### TOTAL CREDITS

\$6,836,219.20	\$705,208.10	\$51,900.49	\$15,008.64
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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of **Strafford**

Year Ending **12/31/04**

## DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy			PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)
	2004	2003	2002	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		\$106,915.76	\$37,514.82	\$12,910.39
Liens Executed During Fiscal year	\$153,461.21			
Interest & Cost Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$3,223.70	\$8,101.22	\$14,385.67	\$2,098.25
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$156,684.91</b>	<b>\$115,016.98</b>	<b>\$51,900.49</b>	<b>\$15,008.64</b>

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy			PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)
	2004	2003	2002	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$53,328.93	\$37,295.25	\$28,273.97	\$11,129.05
Interest & Cost Collected	\$3,223.70	\$8,101.22	\$14,385.67	\$1,923.25
<b>AFTER LIEN EXECUTION</b>	<b>#3190</b>			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance				
End of Year	#1110	\$100,132.28	\$69,620.51	\$9,240.85
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$156,684.91</b>	<b>\$115,016.98</b>	<b>\$51,900.49</b>	<b>\$15,008.64</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ?

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

*Judith Dupre*

DATE 1/31/05



## **Police Department Annual Report 2004**

**Scott L. Young**  
**Chief of Police**

### **Police Officers**

Sgt. Michael Richard, full-time  
Eric Gale, part-time  
Randy Young, part-time

Timothy Sawyer, full-time  
Donald Laliberte, part-time  
Daniel Duffy, part-time

Secretary  
Mary MacFadzen

Below are some of the calls for service received by the Strafford Police Department in 2004.

Accidents.....	47	911 calls.....	46
M/V Summons.....	367	M/V Warnings.....	792
Alarms.....	63	Arrests.....	110
Incidents.....	526	Felony Reports.....	28
Crime Against Property.....	69	Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	129
Animal Complaints.....	98	Misc Calls for Service.....	559

The police department made a total of 110 arrests in 2004. This marks a 55 percent increase over 2003, in which we made 71. We responded to a total of 2837 calls for service for the year.

This year I have two requests. First, in 2004 we clocked 73,537 miles on our cruisers, and countless hours of idle time. The oldest patrol vehicle that we have is the 2000 Chevy Impala, which has approximately 118,000 miles. I am looking to replace the 2000 this year.

The second request that I have is support to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for fuel tanks at the town salt shed located on Rollercoaster Road. Currently we use Irving fuel, which is not always readily available to us here in town. After hours we have to travel out of town to get fuel. Also, we will save approximately .25-.28 cents per gallon by purchasing the fuel in larger quantities. Between the police department and the fire department, we could save as much as \$2000.00 in fuel costs per year. Last year the police department consumed over 4400 gallons of gasoline.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott L. Young  
Chief of Police

Detailed Statements of Payments & Encumbrances  
For the Police Department 2004

Salaries.....	167,537.77
Benefits.....	51,219.07
Outside Details.....	2,312.50
Overtime Wages.....	2,015.20
Supplies.....	1,918.06
Gasoline.....	6,899.47
Training.....	525.00
Heat/Electricity.....	3,910.00
Telephone.....	6,542.17
Equipment/Maintenance.....	5,838.90
Cruiser Maintenance.....	4,681.02
Strafford Dispatch.....	10,617.50
Prosecution Services.....	4,000.00
Uniforms.....	738.24
Building Maintenance.....	2,900.57
D.A.R.E.....	1,493.06
Misc.....	523.75
FICA.....	3,118.39
MEDI.....	2,435.18
NH Retirement.....	<u>9,562.28</u>
Gross Exp. Police 2004.....	288,788.11

**Revenues**

Pistol Permits.....	390.00
Accident Reports.....	365.00
Fines.....	870.00
Special Services Fees (incl road details).....	4,792.50
Witness Fees.....	<u>1,418.50</u>
TOTAL.....	7,836.00

## HILL LIBRARY

### Annual Report for 2004

Telephone: 664-2800 Website: [www.metrocast.net~straflib/](http://www.metrocast.net~straflib/)

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### INVENTORY

Books owned by the Library as of January 1, 2004.....	13,780
Books purchased in 2004.....	371
Books donated in 2004.....	276
Videos/Audios donated in 2004.....	45
Items lost, damaged, or discarded in 2004.....	302
Books owned as of December 31, 2004.....	14, 427
Videos/Audios owned as of December 31, 2004.....	657
Magazine subscriptions purchased .....	23
Magazine subscriptions donated.....	13

### CIRCULATION

Total patron attendance.....	7,457
Total books circulated.....	7,734
Adult fiction.....	2,670
Adult non-fiction.....	1,135
Children's fiction....	2,919
Children's non-fiction.....	1,010
Magazines.....	483
Audio tapes/CD's/Books with tape.....	497
Videos/DVD's .....	2,448
TOTAL MATERIALS CIRCULATED.....	11,162

#### Director's comments:

It seems like only yesterday that a group of our citizens got together and formed an association to build the Town's first dedicated library building to house its historically itinerant library collection. That was in 1970, which makes it 35 years ago this year. That was some achievement.

Presently your Library personnel and volunteers are working hard to get the entire collection computerized to the extent of being able to put a credible data base on the Internet. In 1970 we could not have foreseen such a thing. Happy 35<sup>th</sup> birthday to your Town Library!

Kenneth A. Berry  
Director

# HILL LIBRARY

## Treasurer's Report for 2004

### INCOME

Beginning cash on hand January 1, 2004	6,266.09	
Town appropriation	25,973.00	
Salaries paid by Town	29,943.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>57,182.09</b>

### EXPENSES

#### Program expenses

Association dues and seminar fees	129.00	
Summer Reading Program/Storytime	314.75	
Movie expense	11.96	
<b>Total program expense</b>		<b>455.71</b>

#### Collection Expenses

Adult books	2,385.76	
Children's books	1,658.01	
Subscriptions	287.88	
Professional literature	218.71	
Reference books	263.60	
VHS/DVD/AC/CD media	460.08	
<b>Total collection expense</b>		<b>5,274.04</b>

#### Computer Expenses

Computer hardware/software	2034.56	
Support service	450.00	
Ink cartridges	185.30	
<b>Total computer expense</b>		<b>2,669.86</b>

#### Copier Expenses

Xerox maintenance	141.00	
Toner and drum	443.92	
Paper	7.98	
Less copy fees	295.50	
<b>Total copier expense</b>		<b>297.40</b>

#### Custodial Services

378.00

#### Insurance

1,147.00

#### Miscellaneous

121.55

#### Movie license

190.00

#### Museum passes

550.00

#### PO Box and postage

117.42

#### Salaries

Director	11,576.40	
Assistant director	7,352.89	
Library aide 1	3,579.71	
Library aide 2	2,494.00	
<b>Total salary expense</b>		<b>24,943.00</b>

#### Supply Expenses

Book processing supplies	943.46	
Office supplies	247.43	
<b>Total supply expense</b>		<b>1,190.69</b>

<u>Utility Expenses</u>		
Electricity	2,032.10	
Heat	2,864.00	
Telephone	599.97	
Water system	241.87	
Total utility expense		5,737.94
<hr/> TOTAL EXPENSES		43,072.61
Balance in checkbook		17,744.46
Petty cash		10.00
CASH ON HAND ON DECEMBER 31, 2004		17,754.46
Respectfully submitted,		
Charlotte M. Berry, Treasurer		

## TRUSTEES 2004 HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Library staff, volunteers, and trustees again spent the year working to fulfill the Hill Library's stated mission:

*"The mission of the Hill Library is to grow and develop with the community to meet the people's cultural, educational, recreational, and informational needs in a welcoming setting that supports lifelong learning. The Library maintains several roles: a community access point for information and knowledge, a children's door to learning, a popular culture center and meeting place."*

In working to meet the educational needs of the community, many new books have been added in reference and non-fiction, especially with an emphasis on the needs of school students for their research projects. Many of the excellent junior non-fiction materials would be enjoyed by adult readers as well. This is especially true in the new updated books about the countries of the world.

For recreational reading, the staff works to keep the new best sellers coming in, but depends upon patron recommendations to guide us among the many choices. Our avid very young readers will continue to find new selections in the bins on the floor. Realizing that recreation goes beyond reading, the video and DVD collections have been considerably enlarged and are very popular. The collection of books on tape and CD has also grown in response to patrons' requests.

The Hill Library continues to serve as a meeting place for community groups. Among the regulars are the Sunday Sew and Chat quilters, the Evening Garden Club, the Thursday morning yoga group, and the Strafford Democrats. The Library also hosted special meetings, among them a poetry evening in April, and Don Black's workshop about current use laws. The Strafford Library Association brought two interesting New Hampshire Humanities speakers to the Library. One spoke about the history implied by gravestone messages and the other about the way much popular music in the 1940's actually worked as propaganda for the Allied effort in WWII. The Library's Friday family films continue to be shown on the wide screen twice a month.

This year's Summer Reading program for children had the theme "Heroes" and assistant library director Charlotte Berry enlisted the help of local people for several sessions. Erica Helm and David Hartranft brought the Strafford Fire and Rescue truck to the library to display its features to the children until they received a real emergency call and had to rush away. Adam and Cheryl Black sang ballads about folk heroes and helped the children compose a ballad about themselves, and Billie Waldron came in for a morning of reminiscence about everyday heroes. A seeing eye dog visited with her owner and went through its paces to demonstrate animal heroes. During the school year, Mrs. Berry runs the twice monthly Storytime for preschoolers.

Library staff and trustees continued professional development activities by attending conferences that covered literary and legal topics. Trustees took advantage of a New Hampshire State Library program and sent director Ken Berry to Washington, DC for a day at the Library of Congress and more discussion about the implications of the Patriot Act for public libraries.

Again this year volunteers spent many unpaid hours to keep the Library running. Some work on a regular schedule at the desk or with materials. Others jump in with a helping hand when needed. They

are too numerous to list here, but all must be regarded as some of Strafford's most valuable players. Staff and trustees were happy to host a party for all the volunteers last autumn and to close with another heartfelt "Thank you!!"

Respectfully submitted,  
 Harmony Anderson, Martha English, Pam Marks, Trustees  
 Karen Libby, Cheryl Sanborn, Alternate trustees

### Trustees of Hill Library Treasurer's Report for 2004

#### INCOME

Beginning cash on January 1, 2004	8640.14	
Book fines/Lost books	300.13	
Lena Leighton Fund	313.67	
Gifts/Donations	209.00	
Magnet sales	12.00	
Book sales	100.00	
Total income for 2004		9,574.94

#### EXPENDITURES

Adult books	211.15	
Children's books	201.80	
Table and floor lamps	349.89	
Magnet purchase	30.00	
Volunteer party	67.71	
Washington, DC trip	136.70	
Miscellaneous	13.54	
Total expenditures for 2004		970.80

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BALANCE IN CHECK BOOK ON 12/31/04	8,604.25
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MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT ON 01/01/04	10,028.47
Interest total on 12/31/04	59.34

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BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET ON 12/31/04	10,087.81
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Note 1: \$5,000.00 deposit in transit 12/31/04  
 Note 2: \$7,000.00 deposit in transit 12/31/04  
 Note 3: \$15,000.00 deposit in transit 12/31/04



# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H. FOR YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2004 MS-10

NUMBER OF SHARES	***HOW INVESTED*** DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	***PRINCIPAL*** ADDITIONS				INCOME				BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	PRINCIPAL & INCOME END OF YEAR
		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	PURCHASES	CASH/CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSES DURING YEAR			
0.00	PROFILE BANK # 01-2361532 CHECKING	250.00					807.68	0.63			808.31	808.31
	PROFILE BANK CD #01-47-010035	13,715.00	150.00				6,064.54	165.09			6,230.63	6,400.93
	NBA INVESTMENT GROUP VALLEY	12,855.00	150.00				14,505.09	219.23			14,764.32	28,948.32
							21,171.31	445.95	0.00		21,617.26	35,732.26

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for the trust funds and the capital reserve funds assigned to them. They must invest funds assigned to them in accordance with State and Town regulations, and they must be accountable for the funds at all times.

The accompanying financial Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Strafford 2004 shows the status of the capital reserve funds, non-capital reserve funds and the trust funds including receipts and expenditures during the year 2004.

In the Town of Strafford, the Trustees are responsible for the perpetual care of the individual grave sites or entire family cemeteries for which Town Trust Funds have been established. Much of the maintenance work is done by volunteers and service groups with the remaining work being paid for from the interest gained over the year from dedicated Trust Funds donated by families with an interest in specific grave sites.

The low interest rate on insured investments, plus the small dollar amount of the older cemetery trust funds makes it impossible to keep some of the grave sites and cemeteries in desirable condition. We need more volunteers. Contact Charlie Burnham at 664-5782.

William L. Marks  
Charles Burnham  
Betsy Cozine

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 2004

The Board of Adjustment held twelve public hearings for the consideration of applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances of the Town. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

William L. Marks, Chairman

### Receipts 2004

Application Fees.....	\$ 3,027.00
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Total.....	\$ 3,027.00

### Expenditures 2004

Postage.....	\$ 902.46
Foster's Daily Democrat (Public Notices).....	\$ 703.70
Secretarial.....	\$ 1,786.45
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 148.46
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Total.....	\$ 4,047.90

# STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE

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PO BOX 25-Center Strafford,N.H. 03815

Phone 603-664-2915 Fax 603-269-3254  
LOREN PIERCE,CHIEF  
SCOTT WHITEHOUSE,DEPUTY CHIEF

E-mail: [kalor@metrocast.net](mailto:kalor@metrocast.net)

## STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

We had another busy year with 217 calls for service which was an increase of 24 calls over 2003.

A little over two thirds of the calls were for medical and motor vehicle accidents.The rest were fire related with no major fires for the year,thankfully.

I want to thank all the members for all the hours they put in during the year.It's greatly appreciated.Anytime you see any of the firefighter/EMS members please thank them for their time.Over 2190 hours were put in by the members during 2004 for calls in addition to the hours for Monday nights and training on nights and weekends.

### **THANK YOU MEMBERS.**

We are desperately in need of EMT's.If anyone is interested please call the fire department at 664-2915.We will pay for your training as long as you commit to stay a member for at least one year and respond to calls during that time.People that are available during the day are especially needed.Training will take about 6 months of your time.

The stations were inspected by our insurance company in 2004 and a list of numerous deficiencies were found.Some minor corrections have been made and the major ones will be seen in warrant articles.A new station would correct about 95% of the problems.

We are now sending all our gear out to be cleaned as we have no way of cleaning it ourselves.It can't be taken home as we would be putting our families at risk with some of the contaminants that are on the gear.We desperately need bathrooms and showers at the stations so members can clean up before going home after a bad call.Right now everything is being taken home to our families.None can be put in at the present station locations as the lots aren't much bigger than the stations themselves.None of the stations meet todays codes.

We need to be seriously considering people for daytime coverage as most members work out of town and aren't available for calls during the day.We are on the verge of a **CRISIS**.This is absolutely no exaggeration.

We are asking for a new fire station /town office again this year.This is desperately needed by both entities.We are working in crowded,unhealthy conditions.

Please support us by voting for the new building.

Thank you.

Loren Pierce,Chief

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Major road work for the year of 2004 consisted of improvements and paving of the Cross Road and portions of the First Crown Point Road, as well as drainage work and paving of the Ricky Nelson Road. We also completed paving the last half mile of the Province Road to the Barnstead town line. Drainage work was done on various roads including Water Street, the Northwood Road, and Perry Road. Paving of the Sloper Road and Beechwood Drive has been scheduled for 2005.

Respectfully,  
Greg Messenger  
Road Agent

### ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES -- 2004

Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 245.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$ 715.00
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$ 18,402.50
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$ 148,887.00

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Sub Total.....\$ 168,249.50

### GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 2,290.77
Gravel	\$ 7,517.06
Sand	\$ 7,269.44
Salt	\$ 24,844.08
Cold Patch	\$ 5,668.20
Paving Asphalt	\$ 38,578.11
Culverts	\$ 6,682.00
Street Signs/Posts	\$ 935.29
Miscellaneous/Supplies	\$ 1,629.08

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Sub Total.....\$ 95,414.03

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$ 263,663.53

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

87R4. WINTER PARKING--Pursuant to RSA 265: 70, the following parking regulation will be established:

a. There will be no parking on all town roads so as to impede snow removal.

Any violations of the above will be subject to a fine of \$ 5.00 per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265: 69 and RSA 265: 70.

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION--Pursuant to RSA 249: 23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing, and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said road for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said roads.

Any violation of the above will be subjected to a fine up to \$ 100.00, pursuant to RSA 249: 23.

## RECYCLING REPORT STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION

The town continues to face steadily increasing use of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The chart below demonstrates the increases in tonnage of waste brought to the facility over the past four years. We thank you for your patience as we continue to try to work within the reduced area left to us after the landfill closure project. Waste Management continues to work with us to try to come up with the best locations for the various waste and recycling containers. As you may realize, recycling requirements and revenues shift as the market for recyclables shifts. This year we benefited from increased prices for scrap metals.

Increased use of the facility combined with reduced space means that containers can and do occasionally fill to capacity. We thank you for your cooperation and patience. We would urge townspeople to take advantage of our Wednesday evening hours, when there is often less traffic at the facility than during the weekend hours.

It has again been brought to the Selectmen's attention from our people at the Transfer Center that some people are not following the rules for proper distribution of articles at the facility. We would also like to remind everyone that if you are running a business, you should make arrangements for commercial trash disposal. The Transfer Center is only for residential trash disposal. If there are any questions, the attendants will be glad to help.

We ask for your continuing support with our budget requests. We are into our second year for loan payments on the 10-year revolving loan received for the landfill closure project. In addition, the town will face additional annual expenses for the on-going monitoring to maintain compliance with state environmental requirements. Hydrogeological monitoring of the transfer station area must continue in order to test for any evidence of problems. CMA Engineers continues to help us as we work with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services.

### ANNUAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ACTIVITY

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Tonnage Recycling	235.61	247.37	267.14	261.83
Total Tonnage Demolition Debris	155.02	281.32	464.05	519.88
Total Tonnage Municipal Solid Waste	998.74	1013.44	983.01	1096.37

### REVENUES RECEIVED 2004

Stickers.....	\$ 460.00
Tires (Customer Fees).....	\$ 739.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees).....	\$ 2,090.00
Revenues from Recycling of Materials.....	\$ 5,563.57
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Total.....	\$ 8,852.57

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2004

With three major development applications in the works (plus the usual number of boundary adjustments and minor subdivision applications), the Board has had a hectic year, and we have learned a lot. The validity of some of our regulations has been challenged, requiring frequent consultation with town counsel. Big developers come to the Board with their attorneys up front. We have begun to go the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and to consulting engineers (at the developer's expense) for assistance in plan review. Some proposals have over 40 sheets of detail to review.

The town's involvement with the NROC program (Natural Resources Outreach Coalition through UNH Cooperative Extension) has been very helpful. A volunteer Growth Management Committee has been formed to assist the Planning Board in proposing land use maps and evaluating proposals for variable lot sizes. The Board will also be reviewing our regulations with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to assure that the latest innovative growth management tools are included in our regulations.

If the voters approve our proposed Interim Growth Management Ordinance, which would impose a moratorium on approving major subdivisions (four lots or more) for a period of one year, the Board will have that time to accomplish many much-needed tasks. In that year we would plan to complete the above-noted reviews of existing zoning and subdivision regulations, hold the necessary public hearings, and put in place the regulations that the town will need to manage growth and have Strafford develop as envisioned in our Master Plan. These actions will, of course, need voter endorsement before implementation.

We must also update our Capital Improvement Program to assure that our infrastructure improvement schedule can be reasonably coordinated with our potential growth.

Public participation is welcomed at all Board meetings. Please remember, if you are thinking of any commercial activity on your property, you need to check with your Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edgar W. Huckins, Chairman

### Receipts 2004

Application Fees	\$ 9,969.00
Books (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	\$ 346.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3.00
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Total.....	\$10,318.00

### Expenditures 2004

Postage	\$ 1,388.99
Printing	\$ 143.75
Advertising (Foster's Daily Democrat)	\$ 62.25
Secretarial	\$ 1,899.03
Supplies	\$ 78.00
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Total.....	\$ 3,572.02

## **STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

Strafford Conservation Commission members work to implement the guidelines of the Town of Strafford Master Plan which calls for preserving the rural nature of the town and protection of its natural resources. The year 2004 saw positive steps in these efforts with passage of supportive warrant articles, stewardship planning in the Town Forest, acquisition of new acres for Town lands, and the addition of several dozen more people working actively for conservation in Strafford.

Town meeting in March saw the passage of two measures sponsored by the Conservation Commission. Voters approved the change in status of two sections of Class VI Town roads to Class A trails. These are portions of the Little Niagara Road and part of the New Bow Lake Road. Class A trails remain public rights of way, but no new development will take place there as long as they remain Class A trails. Voters also approved the article that will allow the Conservation Commission to reinvest revenues from any future timber cutting on Town Forest lands into management and conservation measures. Thank you, Strafford voters!

Town forester Charlie Moreno has presented Town Forest maps and forest inventory summaries to the Conservation Commission following his extensive work on the 600 acres of the Parker Mountain area Town forest lands. Commission members have consulted with him to plan future timber operations that will provide wildlife habitat, timber stand improvement, and recreational opportunities.

Town lands in another area were increased in 2004. Walton Stiles gave the Town a bargain sale opportunity to add five acres to the land already held by the Town along Pig Lane where it crosses the Isinglass river. Mary Marquardt and Russell Shillaber gave their time and skills with the deed and legal work in the sale, and we owe them our thanks.

Perhaps the most far-reaching effort in conservation this year has been the beginning of the work with the Natural Resource Outreach Coalition, NROC. Strafford acquired the assistance of their consultants through a grant written by Liz Evans in 2003. The Conservation Commission and Planning Board invited the public to join them at these meetings, and were pleased to see not only long-time residents but many Strafford newcomers willing to take part in the work of "Dealing with Growth in Strafford." The consultants led us through sessions that helped us define goals and led to the formation of three sub-committees. These are the Managed Growth group which is studying land use ordinances that promote our Master Plan goals, the Land Conservation group which is working to protect more Strafford land, and the Water Quality group which is dealing with ways to protect both our surface and ground waters. Each group has about 10 members in addition to one of the NROC consultants, but invite others to join. NROC work with other towns has produced real change based upon citizen goals, and the Strafford committees will work through 2005 to bring actions for voter approval in the coming years.

The Conservation Commission reports on the activities of these NROC committees, as well as other Conservation Commission work, monthly in the Strafford Calendar. Conservation Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the Town Office at 7:00 pm and the public is welcome at these meetings.

Strafford residents should also remember that as voters they added 100% of the land use change tax to the Conservation Fund in 2003 and these funds are there to aid in the protection of more Strafford land. This includes helping with the costs of establishing conservation easements on private land. The 2004 year saw the official registration of a new easement, that of Bob and Shirley Brownell's lovely 50 acres which continue in their private ownership but are protected from further development. Anyone interested in learning about conservation easements and the help available from the town may attend a Conservation Commission meeting, or call any Conservation Commission member or Chairman Liz Evans at the town offices, 664-2192, Extension 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Evans, Chairman; Harmony Anderson, Jack Bronnenberg, JoAnn Brown, Carolyn Page, Al Pratt, Sarah M. Ward, and alternates Cal Schroeder and Bruce Smith



## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building permit activity continues to grow. In 2004 we again issued roughly the same number of permits for new construction as were issued the previous year. However, in 2004 we saw another increase in the number of permits issued for replacement homes. We also continue to see a steady increase in requests for permits for renovation and expansion of older homes.

I would urge people to contact the Town Office if you are planning any home improvement project, as you will likely need to obtain a building permit. This includes the modern above-ground pools that have become increasingly popular in Strafford. The only exceptions are small storage sheds (under 100 sq. ft., not on a permanent foundation). Please remember that any structure, including sheds and pools, needs to meet zoning setback requirements. Building permit applications are available at the Town Office.

I would again like to remind people that the office of Building Inspector continues to be a part-time position in Strafford. It is important for people to allow adequate advance notice if they will be needing inspections for electrical work, or any of the other required inspections associated with the different stages of a building project. Please contact me through my cell phone for building inspection questions, and please feel free to call again if you have not received a response, as cell phone voice mail systems can be unreliable at times. I would like to thank the public for their continued cooperation with the Building Inspection permit process.

Stephen Haynes Smith  
Building Inspector

	NEW HOMES	REPLACEMENT HOMES	ADDITIONS & REMODELING	GARAGE SHED BARN	DOCK DECK	SEPTIC	POOL	COMMERCIAL
January	3	1	1		1		1	
February			2					
March	2 (1 duplex)		1	1	1			
April	3	2	7	5	1			
May		1		1			1	
June	5 (1 duplex)		4	2	1	1	1	
July	4 (1 duplex)	2	4	4	2			
August	1		3	4		1		
September	2			3	2			
October	6	1	7	7	1	1		
November		1	7	3	2	1		
December	3	1	3					
Total	29	9	39	30	11	4	5	0

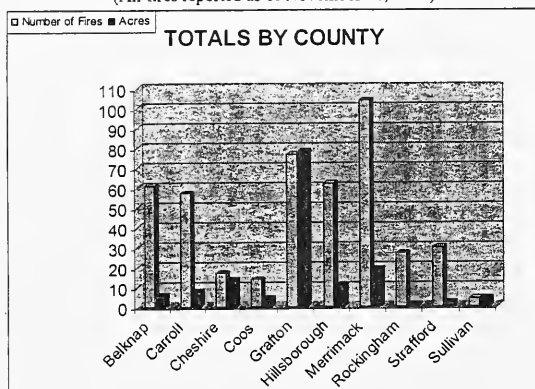
## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

### 2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15	2004	462	147
Campfire	41	2003	374	100
Children	12	2002	540	187
Smoking	19	2001	942	428
Debris	201			
Railroad	1			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	163	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

For Fire Permits, call Fire Warden Glenn Pierce at 664-9773

## STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT - 2004

Once again, a good number of youth took part in the Red Cross swim program this year. We had two sessions during the summer, one in July and the other in August. The majority of the youth were very attentive, put effort into learning the skills and passed their levels.

Also, we once again had very good coverage at the beach. We had two full-time water-safety instructors. There were two lifeguards and a gate attendant. The beach always had at least one lifeguard present, but the majority of the time there were two lifeguards watching over the beach. Salaries for this summer amounted to \$11,019. Other expenses such as equipment, Red Cross swim program, water testing, general maintenance and the summer arts program brought the total summer expenses to \$12,812. Income from swim lessons was \$674.. Beach pass income was \$475.

We stayed within the budget for the summer of 2004 and request the budget remain the same. Lifeguarding equipment needs to be updated and equipment for swimming lessons needs to be purchased as well. We should be able to do this within the existing budget.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ted White, WSI

## ASSESSING AGENT'S REPORT 2004

In 2004 I updated all the assessed values to market value, using sales primarily from 2003 and the beginning of 2004. Our level of assessment (ratio) in 2003, based on the annual assessment/sales study done by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), was 52.5%. The DRA has completed their study for 2004 and our new level of assessment is 95.6%. All of our statistics are now within the acceptable ranges and the DRA has given us their "stamp of approval".

The tax rate went from \$33.68 (at a 52.5% level of assessment) to \$16.62 at market value.

Data verification of all properties will continue this year. It is my goal to inspect and verify the measurements on every property at least once every 10 years. All properties that sell will be visited to verify our data and interview the buyers, since these are the subset that are used to set our level of assessment. That statistic (level of assessment) is then used to determine our contribution to the County tax and other state-wide revenue sharing programs, such as school funding.

A lot of time and effort have been spent over the past 3 years to update all of our Current Use Program documentation. Big thanks (undying gratitude) to Roger Leighton for the contribution of his time, expertise and personal knowledge of the land in Strafford. We still need further documentation from some of you. It's not too late to respond to those letters that we sent you. The Current Use Board (CUB), appointed by the Governor, has determined that it is time to increase the unit values for the "Forest Land" categories in Current Use. These new values will be implemented for the second half tax bill IF the Legislature approves the CUB's recommendation.

This year we will be verifying eligibility for all Exemptions and Tax Credits, e.g. Elderly, Veteran's, Disabled, etc. As with the Current Use Documentation, we did have much that we needed, but in those cases where our files are obsolete, we will be sending out letters requesting that you provide documentation, in order to continue receiving the Exemption or Tax Credit.

I want to thank all of the property owners who have been cordial and cooperative with the assessing process. I have felt welcomed in Strafford, since I started working here in 1993. I look forward to meeting all of you over the next few years. If you would like to ensure that your assessment reflects the most current data and condition of your property, and I have not inspected it in the past 5 years, please call the Town Office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning to schedule an inspection.

Diana G. Calder, Assessing Agent



## ROCHESTER/RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE

178 FARMINGTON ROAD • ROCHESTER, NH 03867  
603-332-1133 • FAX 603-332-9223

### Town Report 2004

Rochester/Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, now shortened to Rochester District Visiting Nurse Association dba Your VNA, is pleased to continue as your home care agency, providing you with needed intermittent skilled nursing, therapy, personal care and support services. This has been a year of change and technical growth as we have completed our transition to an electronic chart and begun our investment in telehealth. Telehealth will allow us to monitor patients utilizing a computerized system which downloads such vitals as blood pressure, blood sugar and weight into the patient's office chart without a nurse visiting in the home. There is a medication alarm to remind the patients to take their meds on time. Both these technological advances are helping to prepare us for a future of growing demand for care coupled with decreasing numbers of nurses and therapists. Telehealth, combined with new disease management programs, will afford the patient the best of care available in the home.

After very careful consideration, our Board decided that we should close our hospice program and give up our Maine home care license. Both these decisions were given the utmost consideration and will allow us to focus our resources on our funding communities and our specialty, home care. Home health is provided to individuals and families in their place of residence for the purpose of promoting, maintaining or restoring health or maximizing the level of independence while minimizing the effects of disability and illness, including terminal illness. There are many home care patients who die at home without ever becoming a hospice patient, and Your VNA will continue to meet the needs of these patients.

Your VNA is being proactive in aligning its resources, both human and financial, to meet the increasing demands for skilled and supportive services in home care. We are expanding our supportive service program to include personal care service providers and companions to complement our homemakers. By reorganizing our support service program, we hope to continue this important but under-funded level of care.

Your support through your town contribution helps to meet the many home health needs of patients in your community who do not have insurance or have inadequate insurance. Our ability to continue to meet these needs is dependent on your continued support. Thank you. Please call 332-1133 if you have questions about the services or care available through Your VNA.

#### Patients and Visits in Strafford by funding source (10 months, annualized)

	Visits	Patients	Reimbursement	% of patients
Skilled nursing	650	70	Medicare	68%
Physical Therapy	388	47	Medicaid/ HCBC	6%
Occupational Therapy	146	26	Insurance	24%
Speech Therapy	4	2	County/State	1%
Medical Social Work	30	8	Self Pay	1%
Licensed Nursing Assistant	996	18		
Homemaker	11	1		

Submitted by Linda Hotchkiss RN, MHSA Executive Director

**STRAFFORD  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS  
REPORTS  
2004**

# **OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2004-2005**

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

	Term Expires
Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman	2006
Mr. Andrew Carter, Vice Chair	2006
Ms. Jane Vachon	2005
Ms. Christine Bane	2007
Ms. Shonda Thibeault	2007

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Judith A. McGann, C.A.G.S.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

Debra K. Conant, M.Ed.

## **PRINCIPAL**

Richard A. Jenisch, M.A.

## **TREASURER**

Sandra Pierce

## **CLERK**

Carrolle Popovich

## **MODERATOR**

Dennis Vachon

## **AUDITOR**

Vachon, Clukay & Co, P.C.



# The State of New Hampshire

*To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford  
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 2nd day of March 2005, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:**

1. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officer's chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
2. Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00 (One hundred thousand dollars and no cents)** for architect and engineering fees associated with the renovation of and addition to the current Strafford School facility?

**The School Board recommends this appropriation.**

3. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00 (Twenty five thousand dollars and no cents)** to be placed in the school district capital reserve fund for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings as well as all or part of the cost of new construction for the school district in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch 35, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2005.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation.**

4. To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

**The School Board recommends this appropriation.**

5. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
6. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**Given under our hands at said Strafford this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005.**

Shonda Thibault  
Jane M. Jackson  
Christine Bane  
.....  
.....

**School Board**

**A true copy of Warrant-Attest:**

Shonda Thibault  
Jane M. Jackson  
Christine Bane  
.....  
.....

**School Board**

# The State of New Hampshire

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***To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:***

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said district on the 8th day of March, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.

**Given under our hands at said Strafford this 15th day of February, 2005.**

Bruce Patrick .....

Drew Carter .....

Christine Bane .....

***School Board***

Shonda Thibeault.....

Jane Vachon .....

**A true copy of Warrant--Attest:**

Bruce Patrick .....

Drew Carter .....

Christine Bane .....

***School Board***

Shonda Thibeault.....

Jane Vachon .....

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004-2005**

<b>Acct.#</b>	<b>Purpose of Appropriations</b>	<b>Warr. Art. #</b>	<b>Total Amount Appropriated</b>	<b>Elementary School Breakdown</b>	<b>High School Breakdown</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>					
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	4,853,954.60	2,073,389.64	2,780,564.96
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	1,221,684.17	709,997.17	511,687.00
1400-1499	Other Programs		37,707.08	37,707.08	
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>					
2000-2199	Student Support Services	3	429,299.33	411,567.33	17,732.00
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	3	154,880.15	154,880.15	
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>					
2310-2319	Other School Board		19,815.67	19,815.67	
<b>EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION</b>					
2320-310	SAU Management Services		243,073.51	243,073.51	
2400-2499	School Administration Service		250,105.95	250,105.95	
2500-2599	Business		37,972.15	37,972.15	
2600-2699	Operation and Maintenance of Plant		367,902.78	367,902.78	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		283,265.00	270,625.00	12,640.00
2800-2899	Support Service, Central/Other		14,500.00	14,500.00	
3000-3999	<b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>		139,297.70		
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS</b>					
5110	Debt Service—Principal		85,000.00		
5120	Debt Service—Interest		2,890.00		
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>					
5251	To Capital Reserves		25,000.00		
<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>8,166,348.09</b>	<b>4,591,536.43</b>	<b>3,322,623.96</b>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tuition to NH LEAs	All	561		81,938.96	81,938.96
Other Tuition	All	562-569	77,599.00	3,094,836.00	3,172,435.00
Summer School	1430		8,000.00		8,000.00

## **Strafford School Food Service**

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2004

### **Assets**

#### **Current Assets - Checking/Savings**

100 - Cash/CKBK

Intergov't Rec

\$2,747.74

Inventories

\$1,190.11

#### **Total Current Assets**

**\$3,937.85**

### **Liab & Fund Equity**

#### **Current Liabilities**

Interfund Payables

\$3,134.47

Deferred Revenues

\$0.00

#### **Total Current Liabilities**

**\$3,134.47**

#### **Fund Equity**

Res for Inventories

\$0.00

Res for Spec Purp.

\$803.38

#### **Total Fund Equity**

**\$803.38**

#### **Total Liability & Equity**

**\$3,937.85**

### **Revenues**

#### **Revenue from Local Sources**

Food Service Sales

\$87,767.23

Earnings on Investments

\$0.00

Other

\$0.00

#### **Total Local Revenue**

**\$87,767.23**

#### **Restricted Grants-In-Aid**

All Other Restricted Grants-In-Aid

Child Nutrition

\$2,571.50

#### **Total Revenue from State Sources**

**\$2,571.50**

Restricted Grants-In-Aid from

Fed Gov't thru State

\$26,215.41

#### **Total Revenue from Fed Gov't**

**\$26,215.41**

#### **Interfund Transfers**

Transfer from General Fund

\$0.00

#### **Total Other Financing Sources**

**\$0.00**

#### **Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources**

**\$116,554.14**

### **Expenditures**

#### **Support Services**

Food Service Operation

\$118,020.50

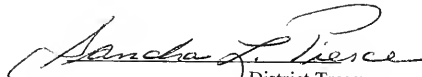
#### **Total Support Services**

**\$118,020.50**

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
for the  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

Cash on Hand July 1, 2003 (Treasurer's bank balance)		229480.76
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	5526101.12	
Revenue from State	2075689.06	
Revenue from Federal	-0-	
Recieved from all other Sources	<u>271605.12</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>7873395.30</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)		8102876.06
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>7350150.88</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2004 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		<u>752725.18</u>

July 15, 2004

  
District Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
July 01, 2003	State of NH	Adequacy Grant	\$1,959,900.00
to		Building Aid	\$35,108.21
June 30, 2004		Catastrophic Aid	\$20,868.06
		Medicaid Reimb.	\$54,743.42
		FMAP Refund	\$2,877.37
		School Lunch Reimb.	\$2,192.00
	Town of Stafford	Appropriation	\$5,526,101.12
	Citizen Bank	Interest	\$4,182.58
	Merrimack School Dist.	Tuition	\$12,745.00
	City of Rochester	Tuition	\$14,783.46
	Manchester School Dist.	Tuition	\$18,193.82
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$80,700.92
		Snack Machine	\$4,947.16
		Coffee	\$1,040.41
		Miscellaneous Snack	\$437.53
	School Principal Acct	Food Purchases	\$42.42
	Stafford Fire Auxiliary	Purchases	\$15.42
	Christian Service Circle	Purchases	\$67.02
	S. Pierce	Purchases	\$7.50
	NE Ice Cream Corp.	Ice Cream	\$728.64
	SAU # 44	Year to end 02-03	\$9,946.77
		Book Student Club	\$259.00
		Summer Curriculum Salaries	\$3,426.26
		Tennis Ball Reimb.	\$144.80
		Book Reimb.	\$515.68
		Professional Books Reimb.	\$221.73
		Preschool tuition 02-03	\$7,211.57
		UNH Tuition Reimb.	\$3,400.00
		In Service Training	\$2,000.00
		Budget Surplus 02-03	\$8,304.18
		Subsitute Reimb.	\$1,420.98
		Transportation Reimb.	\$202.20
	School Lunch Program Reimb.		\$25,553.17
	Stafford PTO	Poncho's Reimb	\$384.00
		Art Room Faucet Reimb.	\$267.30
		Supplies	\$619.57
	Stafford Recreational Sports	Port-o-Pots	\$175.00
	G.E. Capital Financial Inc	Overpayment	\$71.58
	Measured Progress, Inc.	Subsitute Reimb.	\$60.00
	EBSCO Industries Inc.	Overpayment	\$25.07
	Trustee of Trust Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00
	Pump System, Inc	Reimb. of damage to building	\$225.00
	Linguisystems Inc.	Returned Items	\$391.50
	Verizon	Pay phone commission	\$12.44
	Dail Transportation	Electrical Reimb.	\$82.06
	Eboy Sale	Sonic well filter	\$300.00
	Mango Security Systems Inc.	Refund Fire Alarm Monitor Sys.	\$135.00
	School Principal Acct.	UNH Field Trip	\$10.00
	Primix Insurance	Payment lightning damage	\$1,040.00
	Miscellaneous	Health Ins. Reimb.	\$8,870.52

Miscellaneous Cont.	Dental Ins. Reimb.	\$1,102.42
	Rent	\$2,449.63
	Transportation to Coe Brown	\$2,160.00
	Tuition	\$2,627.84
	Filing Fees	\$5.00
	Lost Books	\$56.97
	Return Checks & Fees	<u>\$36.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$7,873.395.30</u></b>

Strafford School District Salaries FY July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Name	Position	Salary
Janet ABBOTT	Tchr Gr 3	\$47,525.00
Melissa ABBOTT	Substitute	\$240.00
Cecil ABELS	Substitute	\$90.00
Irene ABELS	PT Nurse	\$11,654.79
Laura ADAMS	Tchr Gr 7	\$38,750.00
Margaret AUERBACH	Substitute	\$3,750.00
Daunine BAKER	Substitute	\$360.00
Karen BEAVERSTOCK	Tchr Gr 8	\$30,700.00
Rachel BINGHAM	Substitute	\$60.00
Karen BLAISDELL	Tchr Gr 8	\$30,850.00
Shelley BOBOWSKI	Substitute	\$1,620.00
James BONNEAU	Tech Director	\$39,074.36
Judy BROWN	Substitute	\$2,040.00
Robert BUCKLEY	Facilities	\$13,517.38
Patricia BURNELL	Food Service	\$11,733.75
Susan CAMIRE	Tchr Gr 3	\$32,425.00
Susan CANTIN	Substitute	\$450.00
Jennifer CARBERRY	Substitute	\$90.00
Andrew CARTER	School Board Member	\$600.00
Carol CHADWICK	Paraprofessional	\$11,129.00
Thomas CHASE	Substitute	\$3,975.00
Steven COLBY	Tchr Gr 5	\$37,512.50
Esther T. COLE	Asst. Principal	\$58,000.00
Meghan COLLOPY	Substitute	\$900.00
Ken COOK	Facilities	\$24,353.19
Mary COOK	Substitute	\$1,216.00
Kristen CROSIER	Tchr Gr 8	\$34,175.00
Anne CULLEN	Admin Secretary	\$22,656.25
Kathryn CUNNINGHAM	Nurse	\$34,533.80
Michelle DAIGLE	Substitute	\$510.00
Ketti DAVIS-VANASSE	Substitute	\$900.00
Kathleen DEMERS	Tchr Speech/Language	\$50,465.00
Audrey DOLAN	Tchr Gr 4	\$40,712.50
Paige DOLAN	Substitute	\$37.50
Maureen DOLEN	Substitute	\$300.00
Denise DOYON	Paraprofessional	\$10,829.00
Bethany DUFFY	Substitute	\$240.00
Cynthia DUFFY	Paraprofessional	\$12,670.30
Jennifer EDGERLY	Tchr Gr 4	\$45,287.50
Cheryl ELDREDGE	Substitute	\$60.00
David W. ELLIOT	Substitute	\$360.00
Michael FELBER	Substitute	\$225.00
Robin FLOCKERZI	Substitute	\$2,100.00
Donna FRANKLIN	Library/Media Para	\$12,720.80
John FREEMAN	Athletic Coach	\$1,000.00
Marian FREEMAN	Substitute	\$510.00
Mary GAGNE	Substitute	\$90.00
Allan GAHM	Tchr Gr 6	\$45,737.50
Cindy GALE	Paraprofessional	\$12,865.40
Eric GALE	Food Service Director	\$24,857.44
Lynn GARVIN	Substitute	\$30.00



Name	Position	Salary
Beatrice GOODWIN	Paraprofessional	\$11,339.39
Donna GOSCINSKI	Tchr Gr 6	\$39,750.00
Ann GRAHAM	Paraprofessional	\$15,416.00
Robin GRONDIN	Special Educ Sec'y	\$14,997.50
Jeffrey HAMILTON	Substitute	\$240.00
Tracy HANSON	Long Term Substitute	\$15,765.00
Holly HARRIS	Tchr Gr 2	\$37,975.00
Linda HARTMANN	Tchr Special Educ	\$43,094.70
Benjamin HAYES	Substitute	\$630.00
Laura HEBERT	Admin Secretary	\$17,937.50
Lynne HEYLIGER	Tchr Gr 1	\$35,450.00
Darla HIGGINS	Tchr Gr 4	\$47,937.50
Robert HIGGINS	Paraprofessional	\$5,156.00
Ginger HILOW	Paraprofessional	\$4,812.80
Janet HOMIAK	Tchr Reading Recovery	\$30,425.00
Kelly HOOD	Lunch Room Monitor	\$5,385.00
Mitzi HORNE	Long Term Substitute	\$7,080.00
Leo HOWARD	Facilities	\$25,668.80
Amanda HUBNER	Substitute	\$90.00
Paula HUPPE	Lunch Room Monitor	\$5,295.00
Mary IRONS	Tchr Gr 1	\$34,787.50
Richard JENISCH	Principal	\$72,621.18
Susan JOHNSON	Speech/Language Para	\$18,202.20
Heather KALOUST	Tchr Kindergarten	\$30,775.00
Richard KAUFMAN	Guidance	\$29,703.84
Kate KELLEY	Substitute	\$480.00
Melissa KERIVAN	Finance Mgr	\$26,911.90
Frank KIRWIN	Bus Monitor	\$2,427.50
Robyn KRASKO	Tchr Phys Ed	\$47,248.89
Kimberly LACHANCE	Tchr Music	\$36,200.00
Nancy LAKE	Tchr Gr 3	\$47,825.00
Joanne LANG	School Board	\$600.00
Gina LARCOME	Substitute	\$300.00
Jane LAURION	Paraprofessional	\$11,334.25
Meredith LEAVITT	Substitute	\$240.00
Carolyn LEFEBVRE	Paraprofessional	\$13,164.30
Stephen LEIGHTON	School Board	\$600.00
Karen LIBBY	Paraprofessional	\$9,457.26
Julia LIGHTNER-FREDYMA	Tchr Technology	\$33,850.00
Patricia LUCAS	Paraprofessional	\$10,637.65
Maureen MARKHAM	Tchr Special Educ	\$47,575.00
Elizabeth MASON	Tchr Kindergarten	\$45,250.00
Lindsey MASON	Substitute	\$520.00
Nancy MASON	Guidance	\$48,287.50
Darren MCCARTHY	Athletic Coach	\$1,200.00
George MCKENNEY	Facilities	\$23,112.57
Heidi MCKENNEY	Substitute	\$1,663.00
Colleen MCMAHON	Paraprofessional	\$16,925.70
Kristy MUZZEY	Substitute	\$90.00
Michelle NEWTON	Substitute	\$3,000.00

Name	Position	Salary
David NIX	Tchr Gr 5	\$47,750.00
Sharon OLSSON	Tchr Special Educ	\$31,387.50
Donna PARADIS	Substitute	\$1,130.00
Robert PARADIS	Facilities Mgr	\$31,757.83
Bruce PATRICK	School Board Chairman	\$1,190.00
Sandra PIERCE	Sch Dist Treas/Food Serv	\$9,172.00
Maryellen PLANTE	Tchr Gr 2	\$46,325.00
Linda PLAZA	Substitute	\$2,970.00
Stefanie POLOIAN	Substitute	\$690.00
Carrolle POPOVICH	Sch Dist Secretary/Clerk	\$1,381.00
Candice RAY	Paraprofessional	\$12,058.08
Joanne RILEY	Substitute	\$3,090.00
Jesse ROBIDAS	Substitute	\$240.00
Laurel RODIER	Tchr Gr 7	\$33,225.00
Margaret ROGERS	Substitute	\$300.00
Julia ROWE	Substitute	\$1,980.00
Karen SARGENT	Paraprofessional	\$13,356.50
Maureen SAWICKI	Tchr Gr 2	\$45,250.00
Julie SCHRAUFNAGEL	Paraprofessional	\$11,941.50
Adriana SHEAN	Substitute	\$510.00
Jacalyn SMITH	Substitute	\$1,290.00
Patrick ST.CLAIR	Substitute	\$1,080.00
Kathryn STALEY	Tchr Reading Specialist	\$48,300.00
Laure STAMBAUGH	Tchr Instrumental Music	\$35,200.00
Mary Lou STANO	Tchr Gr 5	\$49,050.00
Janice STIMMELL	Tchr Gr 1	\$30,350.00
Paul STOHLBERG	Substitute	\$540.00
Allen STORMS	Paraprofessional	\$10,093.23
Susan TANGUAY	Tchr Gr 7	\$49,195.00
Darlene TOWLE	Paraprofessional	\$12,039.30
Hazel TURMELLE	Food Service	\$12,303.50
Roger TURMELLE	Substitute	\$30.00
Allen UNREIN	Tchr Art	\$39,750.00
Dennis VACHON	School Board Moderator	\$100.00
Jane VACHON	School Board	\$600.00
Lynda VOGT	Tchr Special Educ	\$44,362.50
Nancy VONWAHLDE	Tchr Summer Literacy	\$1,700.00
Kristine VULNER	Paraprofessional	\$14,823.80
Susan WEGNER	Enrichment Coach	\$150.00
Judith WHITCHER	Tchr Special Educ	\$30,275.00
Rebecca WHITCHER	Substitute	\$60.00
Scott WHITEHOUSE	Facilities	\$5,629.29
Rebecca WIGGIN	Tchr Speech /Language	\$30,335.00
Susan J. WILLIAMS	Tchr Media Generalist	\$38,435.90
Susan M. WILLIAMS	Sick Day	\$1,112.50
Lisa WINTERTON	Paraprofessional	\$6,735.63

Name	Position	Salary
Valerie WOLFSON	Tchr Gr 6	\$34,937.50
Maria WYSOCKI	Substitute	\$330.00
Patricia YOUNG	Tchr Reading Specialist	\$27,612.24
Ewa ZEOLI	Tchr Foreign Language	\$46,557.98
TOTAL '03-'04		\$2,604,607.17

*\*These figures include all contracts,  
stipend and insurance/sickday buy-out payments.*

#### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 2003/2004**

Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of June 30, 2004  
\$157,576.72

## **Strafford School**

### **Balance Sheet**

As of June 30, 2004

#### **Assets**

##### **Current Assets**

Cash/Ck/Bk	\$752,725.18
Interfund Rec	\$3,134.47
InterGov't Rec	\$12,175.20
Other Receivables	\$1,370.40
Other Current Assets	\$0.00

##### **Total Current Assets**

**\$769,405.25**

#### **Liab & Fund Equity**

##### **Current Liabilities**

Other Payables	\$90,039.84
Accrued Expenses	\$43,039.52

##### **Total Current Liabilities**

**\$133,079.36**

##### **Fund Equity**

Reserve for Encumbrances	\$51,741.67
Res for Continuing Approp	\$71,567.75
Reserve for Amts Voted	\$25,000.00
Unreserved Fund Bal	\$488,016.47

##### **Total Fund Equity**

**\$636,325.89**

##### **Total Liab & Fund Equity**

**\$769,405.25**

#### **Revenues**

##### **Revenue from Local Sources**

Total Assessments	\$4,164,221.12
Tuition from All Sources	\$40,373.27
Total Transportation Fees	\$2,160.00
Earnings on Investments	\$4,182.58
Rentals	\$1,782.40
Other	\$5,347.53

##### **Total Local Revenue**

**\$4,218,066.90**

##### **Revenue from State Sources**

Adequacy Aid (Grant)	\$1,959,900.00
Adequacy Aid (State Tax)	\$1,361,880.00

##### **Total Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid**

**\$3,321,780.00**

School Building Aid	\$35,108.21
Catastrophic Aid	\$20,868.06

##### **Total Restricted Grants-In-Aid**

**\$55,976.27**

##### **Total Revenue from State Sources**

**\$3,377,756.27**

##### **Restricted Grants-In-Aid**

##### **Restricted Grants-In-Aid from**

##### **Fed Gov't thru State**

Medicaid Distributions	\$56,016.25
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<b>Total Revenue from Federal Gov't</b>		<b>\$56,016.25</b>
<b>Total Interfund Transfers</b>		
From Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00	
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>		<b>\$7,701,839.42</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Instruction Elem/HS</b>		
Regular Programs	\$4,309,416.45	
Special Programs	\$1,131,040.51	
Other Instructional Programs	\$31,396.70	
<b>Total Instructional Programs</b>		<b>\$5,471,853.66</b>
<b>Support Services Elem/HS</b>		
Student Services	\$354,202.27	
Instructional Staff	\$127,419.91	
General Administration SAU Level	\$290,162.14	
School Administration	\$228,958.51	
Business	\$32,823.59	
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	\$363,526.20	
Student Transportation	\$277,205.27	
<b>Total Support Services</b>		<b>\$1,674,297.89</b>
<b>District Wide Expenditures</b>		
Facility Acquisition & Construction	\$50,000.00	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>		
<b>Debt Service</b>		
Principal	\$85,000.00	
Interest	\$8,670.00	
<b>Fund Transfers</b>		
Trust Agency Funds	\$25,000.00	
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>		<b>\$118,670.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures for All Purposes</b>		<b>\$7,314,821.55</b>

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To the School Board  
Strafford, New Hampshire School District

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Strafford, New Hampshire School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated August 27, 2004.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Strafford, New Hampshire School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the Strafford, New Hampshire School District for the year ended June 30, 2004, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level

the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the basic financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the School Board. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wackon, Chubay & Co. PC".

August 27, 2004

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #44

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Kathy N. Hancock, M.Ed.  
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Richard A. Jenisch, M.A.  
Principal,

### 2004 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To The Voters of Strafford:

Over time, change is inevitable. Time allows all of us to continue to grow as learners and reflect on the learning that has taken place. Over the past twenty-five years I have seen and experienced many of the changes SAU #44 has gone through. With leadership being one of those changes the infrastructure of the SAU has seen change as well. Throughout this time period programming continues to take an eclectic journey as time moves forward.

For the past twenty-five years, SAU #44 has seen six different Superintendents:

1976-1992 – Mr. Barry Clough  
1992-1993 – Interim, Mr. Fokion Lafionatis  
1993-1997 – Dr. George Reid  
1997-1998 – Interim, Mr. Richard Steudle  
1998-2004 – Dr. Harry Fensom  
2004- Interim, Mrs. Judith McGann  
2004-Present – Mrs. Judith McGann

During these years of administrative change, the SAU experienced structural change as well:

1980 – SAU #44 was composed of 8 districts – Farmington, Wakefield, Milton, Middleton, Barrington, Nottingham, Northwood and Strafford.

1987 – Farmington separated from the SAU, creating its own, leaving SAU #44 with 7 districts

1989 – Wakefield, Milton and Middleton separated from the unit, leaving the SAU with 4 districts.

1996 – Barrington left SAU #44, leaving the present 3 districts of Nottingham, Northwood and Strafford making up the current School Administrative Unit.

SAU #44 currently services approximately 2400 students within the three towns' K-8 schools with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy servicing Northwood's and Strafford's high school students and Dover High School servicing the majority of Nottingham students.

The future awaits the communities of SAU #44 with the challenges of NCLB (No Child Left Behind). Although the never ending demands of unfunded mandates continue to be placed upon these districts, the many components



of NCLB are a part of all three communities' initiatives. From the enhancement of technology to highly qualified teachers, to meeting the minimum standards, the communities continue to make adequate yearly progress. As the educational standards present themselves in the Spring of 2005, the implementation of assessment strategies are part of each district's curriculum. Through the collaboration and support of the Administrative team and the SAU Staff Development Committee, the districts are able to move forward in the abilities to better analyze and account for the progress of each child's learning.

As with SAU #44, the Strafford School District has experienced change over the past twenty-five years as well. Since 1980, Strafford has experienced three principals and one interim:

1980-1985— Mr. Richard Boyle  
1985-1988 – Ms. Carol Evans  
1988- Interim Mr. Christie Drago  
1988-Present – Mr. Richard Jenisch

During that time, Strafford has seen several building projects. In 1980, six classrooms were added to the original building that was built in 1960. During the period from 1985 to 1987 three wooden modulars were constructed, originally used for storage. However, due to the growth of the community, they are currently used for the computer lab classroom, music instruction as well as instrumental instruction. In 1999 to 2000, the addition of the gymnasium, library and kitchen was completed along with approximately twelve classrooms with a population of a little over 400 students. During the 1999-2000 school year, the population peaked at 570, decreasing in later years to its current number of 507. At that time in 1999-2000 four modular classrooms were added for grades six and seven in order to enable the school to provide space for Kindergarten. In the year 2000 Kindergarteners attended the Strafford School, your current fourth graders!

The Assistant Principal position was implemented in 1995. Dan Baker was the first until the year 2003, followed by Esther Cole (Asbell) and presently George Drozin.

Throughout the past twenty-five years in Strafford, despite the changes this community has experienced, meeting the needs of the children has always been at the forefront. With an experienced staff and administration, brings consistency and stability, which enables the ongoing progression of curriculum. Strafford's extremely fortunate to have Mr. Richard Jenisch as the Principal for 17 years! His staff ranges from 1 year to 35 years of experience, wow!!

Since 1986 the consistent and open communication with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy along with the twenty-five years of Headmaster David Smith's leadership has made it possible for the Strafford School staff and Coe-Brown Academy staff to have worked collaboratively allowing the students of the community to experience a smoother transition to the high school academia demands. Mr. Smith and the CBNA staff continue in their efforts to present a variety of programming for all students in a progressive manner.

The educational process in Strafford not only lends itself to a dedicated group of educators, but also with the collaborative efforts of parents and community members, continues to involve raising the bar to a higher standard. We all need to be invested in educating the future leaders of tomorrow. Strafford's educational community is indeed fortunate to have a strong support team that continues to invest in the education of their children.

Respectfully submitted;

Judith A. McGann  
Superintendent of Schools

JAM:pb

## Principal's Report 2004-2005

I am writing this report for the 17<sup>th</sup> time. It is hard to believe that so many years have passed since I became principal of Strafford School. During that time I have had the pleasure of watching hundreds of students grow from kindergarten age into young adulthood. In fact, I have now been here long enough to have many former students register their own children at Strafford School. What a pleasure it is to share in the growth and development of several generations of students.

I am extremely proud of our staff and our school and thank the community for its continued support. A history of our N.H. test scores (see attached) indicates that our school is doing quite well, generally scoring above state average in reading and math. However, testing also indicates that some of our students are still struggling in these areas and need additional support to help them develop to their potential. In an effort to respond to those needs, we have implemented a new testing program for students in grades 3-8 called MAP. This assessment program is technology based and allows our students to complete comprehensive diagnostic tests in reading, language arts, and math at a computer in just three 45 minute to 1 hour sessions. Results become available to staff and administration within 24 to 72 hours. They can be analyzed to determine the specific skills individual students, classrooms, and grade levels are proficient at and those skills that need instructional reinforcement. All grade level teams have been through that data analysis process this year. Testing will be administered again at the end of the year to determine student progress throughout the year. Once again, grade level teams will examine results in an effort to determine areas where instructional emphasis needs to be adjusted and modified. Our main goal is to more accurately determine where we can do a better job in meeting the needs of all our students.

In addition to the above, we are working on a comprehensive language arts curriculum for implementation at the K-8 level. We are also reviewing resource materials and textbooks at the middle school level to strengthen the language arts program. We are continuing our study of effective writing instruction and will have a draft K-8 writing curriculum in place by the end of this school year aligned with State of N.H. Grade Level Expectations. We are also studying our penmanship program at the K-4 level and hope to adopt a new and more comprehensive program for the 2005-2006 school year. These are a few examples of work in progress designed to improve student performance.

In primary reading, we have assessed all students in kindergarten through third grade and are working with classroom teachers to make our program more responsive to those students who need extra support. We are exploring resources to provide more effective programming for our advanced readers to ensure they are appropriately challenged. We have expanded our Reading Recovery program and are close to full implementation. We are using rural schools grant funds to purchase additional reading materials for students at all levels and to expand our after school and summer programs in reading. We will also expand our summer literacy program to include students entering third grade. These and other efforts are designed to ensure that no Strafford student is left without the support he/she needs to become a proficient reader.

Many special opportunities are provided for our students beyond the regular classroom program. They are too numerous to mention here but are often made possible through the efforts of our staff and several community and parent volunteers. Our PTO provides support for many school programs as well as the purchase of educational equipment and resources for various classrooms. They have been responsible for sponsoring several special family events at the school as well as assemblies and other activities. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work on our behalf.

We are privileged to have an extraordinary support staff at Strafford School consisting of kitchen staff, clerical staff, custodial staff, and special education paraprofessionals. The work of these individuals is critical to the successful operation of this school and is often taken for granted. Their commitment to Strafford School and to the well-being of our students is deeply appreciated and representative of the attitude of this entire community.

Sometimes in a community, the difficulties that children and families experience can be easily overlooked. Be assured they do exist. Through our students, we frequently see the hardships that many families experience. They are substantial, even in Strafford, and most often it is the children who suffer the most. Our school maintains a community fund that is supported by the generous donations of many members of the community. That fund is used to support children and families in need and has been used to pay for medical intervention, glasses, field trips, clothing, appliances, food, and other necessities. I want to thank all those who have supported this effort. Whether or not you contribute to this fund, support the local food pantry, work through your local church or organization, it is important not to forget that there are children in our community whose basic needs are often unmet.

The school board building committee is currently researching the feasibility of building a new K-8 school on land the school district purchased three years ago. Initial information indicates that renovating the existing school without adding any space will cost several million dollars and will disrupt the entire school program for up to two years. Renovating the existing school and adding much needed space will cost the same, if not more, than building a new school. It would require the purchase of adjacent land that is currently not available, the application for numerous wetland permits, and the demolition of a substantial portion of the current school. Building a new school would allow the district to tailor the space to meet both elementary and middle school standards and would address school needs well into the future. The committee is already informing the community of its work in a variety of ways in an effort to keep everyone informed.

We love our current building. Although it is getting old and no longer meets many state standards, it has served the needs of this community well since 1960. Unfortunately, needs and standards have changed substantially making the exploration of a new school a necessary reality. If we are going to maintain our current program or expand our facility, it is apparent that building a new facility is the most practical alternative for doing so. This will be a difficult issue for our town. It is for any small community like ours. It is important to know the facts so whatever decision is made is based on accurate and reliable information. If you have questions about this committee or their work, please call the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 942-1290.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Strafford School Board and to SAU #44 Superintendent Mrs. Judith McGann. We collaborate on many difficult decisions and issues on an ongoing basis. I am continually impressed with their ability to balance the need for fiscal responsibility with the need to provide an excellent educational experience for all our students. They are caring and capable individuals who always have the best interest of our students in mind.

In a recent edition of the Town Calendar, I mentioned that information on our school can be accessed through our website [www.trafford.k12.nh.us](http://www.trafford.k12.nh.us), the N.H. Department of Education website [www.ed.state.nh.us](http://www.ed.state.nh.us), and at [www.just4kids.org](http://www.just4kids.org). Information on testing, school board activities, school schedules and activities, school initiatives, and on other schools in the state is available at these sites. If you have other questions regarding our school or its programs, please feel free to call the school office at 664-2842.



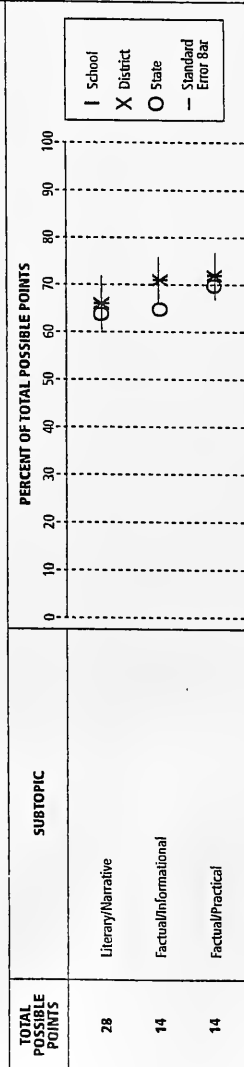
Educational Improvement and Assessment Program

# Reading Results General Assessment

School: Strafford School  
District: Strafford  
Grade: 6  
Date: May 2004

PROFICIENCY LEVELS		Students at Each Proficiency Level									
		SCHOOL					DISTRICT				
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and information from materials they read. They draw conclusions, make critical judgments, and develop meaningful connections between and among ideas and concepts. They explain and support their inferences and interpretations.	2001-02	2	3	2	3	3	5	3	3	5	5
	2002-03	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	5
	2003-04	6	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	9	9
	Cumulative Average	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	6	6
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract ideas, analyze text, evaluate and organize information, draw conclusions, and make inferences and interpretations. They critically evaluate materials they read.	2001-02	11	18	11	18	11	23	18	18	23	23
	2002-03	23	34	23	34	23	34	23	34	25	25
	2003-04	32	44	32	44	32	44	32	44	31	31
	Cumulative Average	22	33	22	33	22	33	22	33	26	26
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize main ideas and identify supporting details. They gather information from materials they read and use it to make obvious conclusions. Their responses often include appropriate examples.	2001-02	31	51	31	51	31	51	31	51	41	41
	2002-03	27	40	27	40	27	40	27	40	41	41
	2003-04	19	26	19	26	19	26	19	26	34	34
	Cumulative Average	26	38	26	38	26	38	26	38	39	39
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize clearly-stated topics and details in materials they read. For the most part, their responses to questions are literal.	2001-02	17	28	17	28	17	28	17	28	31	31
	2002-03	14	21	14	21	14	21	14	21	28	28
	2003-04	16	22	16	22	16	22	16	22	26	26
	Cumulative Average	16	23	16	23	16	23	16	23	28	28
Students Not Participating in NHEIAP	2001-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2002-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2003-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cumulative Average	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Content Diagnostic Display



Mean Scaled Score Summary

	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE
2001-02	249	249	249
2002-03	255	255	251
2003-04	257	257	253
Cumulative Average	254	254	251

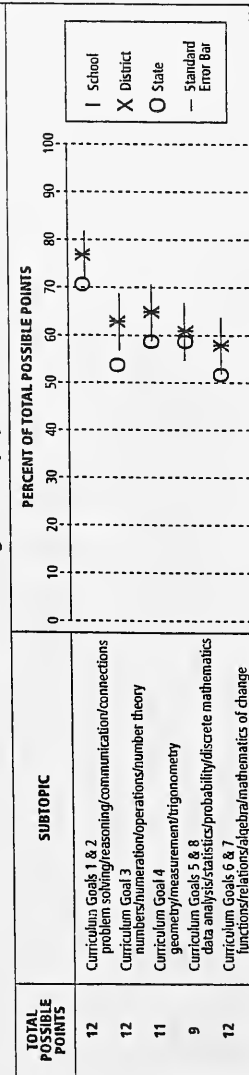
# Mathematics Results General Assessment

School: Strafford School  
District: Strafford  
Grade: 6  
Date: May 2004

		Students at Each Proficiency Level									
		PROFICIENCY LEVELS					SCHOOL				
		TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		SUBTOPIC		PERCENT OF TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		N		%	
<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They are able to use both physical and conceptual models, make connections between and among concepts, and use estimation to monitor the reasonableness of their work. Their mathematical reasoning and problem solving are systematic, direct, and thorough. They employ numbers, graphs, diagrams, examples, and generalizations to explain their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	2001-02	2	3	2	3	6	2	3	6	2	3
	2002-03	6	9	6	9	7	6	9	7	6	9
	2003-04	6	8	6	8	7	6	8	7	6	8
	Cumulative Average	5	7	5	7	6	5	7	6	5	7
	2001-02	30	49	30	49	22	30	49	22	30	49
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They make few, if any, errors in computation. They use tables and graphs to organize, present, and interpret data. They employ appropriate strategies to solve a wide range of problems. They clearly communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.	2002-03	28	42	28	42	26	28	42	26	28	42
	2003-04	32	44	32	44	26	32	44	26	32	44
	Cumulative Average	30	45	30	45	24	30	45	24	30	45
	2001-02	19	31	19	31	45	19	31	45	19	31
	2002-03	24	36	24	36	41	24	36	41	24	36
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of fractions, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They accurately perform computations with whole numbers and decimals. They can read and construct graphs. They apply their mathematical knowledge and skills in addressing everyday situations and solving straight-forward problems. They adequately communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.	2003-04	23	32	23	32	40	23	32	40	23	32
	Cumulative Average	22	33	22	33	42	22	33	42	22	33
	2001-02	10	16	10	16	28	10	16	28	10	16
	2002-03	9	13	9	13	26	9	13	26	9	13
	2003-04	12	16	12	16	27	12	16	27	12	16
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of fractions, decimals, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers with a fair degree of accuracy. They can obtain information from graphs. They display a limited ability to use their mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems. Their explanations of their answers are brief and incomplete.	Cumulative Average	10	15	10	15	27	10	15	27	10	15
	2001-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2002-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2003-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cumulative Average	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students Not Participating in NHE/AP											

		Mean Scaled Score Summary									
		SCHOOL					DISTRICT				
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2001-02		2002-03	
Mean Scaled Score Summary		257		258		258		257		258	
State		250		252		252		250		251	
Cumulative Average		258		258		258		258		258	

## Content Diagnostic Display



# Reading Results General Assessment

School: Strafford School  
District: Strafford  
Grade: 3  
Date: May 2004

		Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		SCHOOL		DISTRICT		STATE	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>PROFICIENCY LEVELS</b>	<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a thorough comprehension of the materials they read. They are able to identify main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and facts in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They use comparisons and predictions to increase their level of understanding. They can draw conclusions and make critical judgments. Their responses are detailed and reflect careful thought.	2001-02	7	12	7	12	8
		2002-03	11	20	11	20	6
		2003-04	11	19	11	19	12
		Cumulative Average	10	17	10	17	9
		2001-02	23	39	23	39	33
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of the materials they read. They are able to identify main ideas and draw conclusions from literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. Their responses show thought and are supported with some detail.		2002-03	17	30	17	30	31
		2003-04	19	32	19	32	31
		Cumulative Average	20	34	20	34	32
		2001-02	18	31	18	31	35
		2002-03	17	30	17	30	39
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level are able to determine the literal meaning of the materials they read. They can identify clearly stated main ideas and make direct comparisons in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. Their responses are sometimes incomplete and are supported with few details.		2003-04	14	24	14	24	30
		Cumulative Average	16	28	16	28	35
		2001-02	11	19	11	19	24
		2002-03	11	20	11	20	23
		2003-04	15	25	15	25	27
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level are at the beginning of their literacy development. They extract limited meaning from what they read. Although they may be able to locate major details, they are often unable to identify clearly stated main ideas in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works.		Cumulative Average	12	21	12	21	25
		2001-02	0	0	0	0	0
		2002-03	0	0	0	0	0
		2003-04	0	0	0	0	0
		Cumulative Average	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Students Not Participating in NHEIAP</b>							

		Mean Scaled Score Summary			
		SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE	
		2001-02	259	259	253
		2002-03	259	259	253
		2003-04	259	259	254
		Cumulative Average	259	259	253

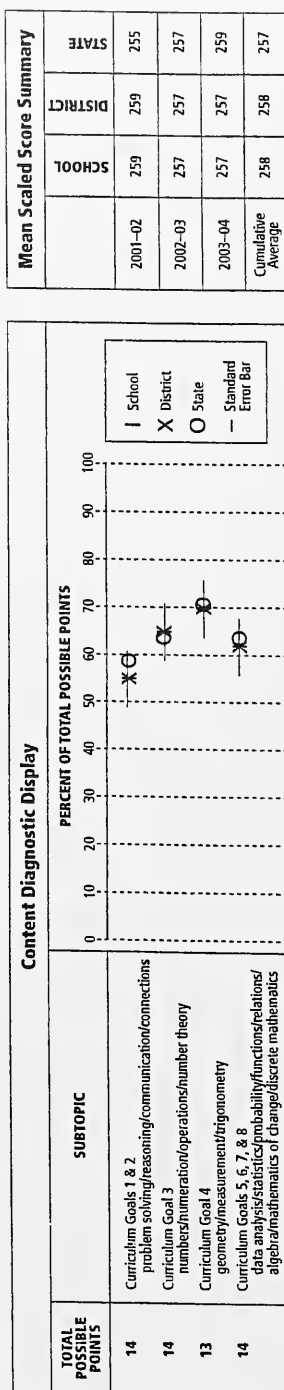
  

		Content Diagnostic Display									
		TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	SUBTOPIC		PERCENT OF TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS						
28	Literary/Narrative										
14	Factual/Informational										
14	Factual/Practical										

# Mathematics Results General Assessment

School: Strafford School  
District: Strafford  
Grade: 3  
Date: May 2004

PROFICIENCY LEVELS		Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		SCHOOL			DISTRICT		
		N	%		N	%	STATE
<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level are able to: make estimations; use models to demonstrate mathematical concepts; draw conclusions from information presented in charts and graphs; identify, classify, and compare geometric objects; measure accurately; construct simple charts and graphs; and recognize, describe, extend, and create a variety of patterns. They can accurately add, subtract, and multiply whole numbers to the same extent as proficient students. They have an understanding of fractions and decimals and can add and subtract decimals in everyday situations. They are able to solve problems and communicate their answers and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	2001-02	8	14		8	14	10
	2002-03	9	16		9	16	15
	2003-04	8	14		8	14	15
	Cumulative Average	8	14		8	14	13
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level are able to demonstrate an understanding of place value as well as the relationship between simple fractions and decimals; read charts and graphs; make measurements; and recognize and extend patterns. They can, with reasonable accuracy, add 3-digit whole numbers; subtract any 2-digit numbers; and multiply whole numbers up to 5. They are able to estimate and compute solutions to problems and communicate their understanding of mathematics.	2001-02	19	32		19	32	29
	2002-03	13	23		13	23	27
	2003-04	18	31		18	31	35
	Cumulative Average	17	29		17	29	30
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level are able to demonstrate a reasonable understanding of place value, fractional parts, geometry, and measurement. They can recognize and extend simple patterns and read uncomplicated charts and graphs. They are able to multiply whole numbers up to 5 and can add and subtract 1-digit whole numbers with ease. When adding or subtracting 2-digit whole numbers, regrouping (borrowing and carrying) presents a challenge. They demonstrate some skill in the application of mathematics to problem-solving situations but have difficulty communicating their solutions.	2001-02	22	37		22	37	41
	2002-03	23	41		23	41	37
	2003-04	25	42		25	42	34
	Cumulative Average	23	40		23	40	37
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level are able to add and subtract 1- and 2-digit whole numbers without regrouping (borrowing and carrying). However, they frequently make errors in these computations. They can recite whole-number multiplication facts up to 5. Although they may have some knowledge of place value, fractions, geometry, and measurement, their understanding of these areas is extremely limited. They are unable to demonstrate the application of mathematical skills to problem-solving situations.	2001-02	10	17		10	17	19
	2002-03	11	20		11	20	20
	2003-04	8	14		8	14	16
	Cumulative Average	10	17		10	17	18
<b>Students Not Participating in NHEIAP</b>	2001-02	0	0		0	0	0
	2002-03	0	0		0	0	0
	2003-04	0	0		0	0	0
	Cumulative Average	0	0		0	0	0



## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

The report of appropriations voted and property taxes to be raised for the 2004-2005 school year has been approved on the following basis:

<b>Total Appropriation</b>		<b>\$8,166,348.12</b>
<b>Revenues and Credits Available To Reduce School Taxes</b>		
Unreserved Fund Balance:		\$357,206.45
Revenue From State Sources:		
	School Building Aid	\$126,411.00
	Catastrophic Aid	\$12,314.00
	Child Nutrition	\$1,400.00
Local Revenue Other Than Taxes:		
	Tuition	\$13,500.00
	Earnings on Investments	\$4,000.00
	Food Service Receipts	\$83,700.00
	Rentals	\$900.00
Revenue From Federal Sources:		
	Child Nutrition	\$30,000.00
	Medicaid	\$80,000.00
<b>Total Appropriation</b>		<b>\$8,166,348.09</b>
<b>Total Revenue And Credits</b>		<b>\$718,653.47</b>
<b>District Assessment</b>		<b>\$4,247,661.00</b>
<b>State Education Grant</b>		<b>\$2,099,616.00</b>
<b>State Education Tax</b>		<b>\$1,075,418.00</b>



**School Administrative Unit #44**  
**2004-2005 Salaries**

Superintendent \$80,000.00  
 Special Ed. Director \$65,000.00  
 Asst. Special Ed. Director \$55,000.00  
 Business Administrator \$58,833.60  
 Grant Writer (Part –Time) \$24,720.00

**SAU Distribution Schedule for FY 2005-2006**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>2003 EQUALIZED VALUATION</b>	<b>VALUATION PERCENT</b>	<b>2003-2004 ADM IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>PUPILS PERCENT</b>	<b>COMBINED PERCENT</b>	<b>2005-2006 DISTRICT SHARE</b>
Northwood	380,796,250	32%	465.9	33%	65%	<b>\$236,791.34</b>
Nottingham	435,022,837	37%	459.9	32%	69%	<b>\$251,899.33</b>
Strafford	372,167,464	31%	492.2	35%	66%	<b>\$240,907.70</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,187,986,551</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1418</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>200%</b>	<b>\$729,598.38</b>

## STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2005-2006 Budget

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
<b>REGULAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>		
<b>COMPENSATION:</b>		
Teacher Salaries:	\$1,447,450.00	\$1,503,900.00
Director Of Technology:	\$43,000.00	\$44,290.00
Discipline Management and Education	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Lunch Room Monitor:	\$11,100.00	\$11,400.00
Must Monitor	\$800.00	\$800.00
Bus Monitors	\$3,690.00	\$3,500.00
Substitute Teacher Salaries:	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Tutor Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance: (Cert.and Non-Certified)	\$217,116.01	\$289,550.44
Dental Insurance: (Cert.and Non-Certified)	\$11,164.44	\$12,391.20
Life Insurance:	\$4,471.35	\$3,158.31
Buy-Out	\$9,000.00	\$7,000.00
Retirement (Certified):	\$38,450.28	\$55,903.30
Retirement (Non-Certified):	\$2,537.00	\$3,016.15
F.I.C.A.:	\$118,960.56	\$119,833.66
Unemployment Compensation		\$1,496.32
Worker's Compensation		\$8,223.65
Sick Day Reimbursement	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00
Criminal Record Checks	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Contracted Services:	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00
Contracted Services On Line Services-Hosting		\$500.00
<b>OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES</b>		
Printing	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$78,722.96	\$48,077.58
Tuition-Coe Brown:	\$2,701,842.00	\$2,837,444.00
<b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES:</b>		
Art Supplies:	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$1,800.00	\$800.00
Foreign Language Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Health Education		\$0.00
Physical Education	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Project Adventure:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Math Supplies:	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Music Supplies:	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Instrumental Music & Choral Supplies:	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Science Supplies:	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
STC/Science Supplies	\$900.00	\$2,800.00
Social Studies Supplies:	\$600.00	\$1,600.00
Computer Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$5,340.00
Consumable Supplies:	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
General Supplies:	\$3,800.00	\$3,500.00
AV Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00
Testing Supplies:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>CLASSROOM TEXTS:</b>		
Textbook Adoption	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Classroom Texts	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00
Classroom Workbooks:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Classroom Supplemental Books:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Classroom Reference Books:	\$400.00	\$400.00
Classroom Periodicals:	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
New Equipment:	\$2,500.00	\$3,200.00
Science Equipment	\$800.00	\$1,500.00
New Furniture:	\$500.00	\$250.00
Computer Technology Equipment:	\$29,000.00	\$26,050.00
Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Dues and Fees:</b>	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL REG ED PROGRAMS:</b>	<b>\$4,853,954.60</b>	<b>\$5,134,024.61</b>
<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>		
<b>SALARIES:</b>		
Special Education Teacher Salaries:	\$206,900.00	\$215,650.00
Special Ed. Paraprofessional Salaries:	\$209,613.95	\$229,108.25
Special Education Secretary:	\$14,630.00	\$17,290.00
Substitute Spe Ed Teacher Salaries:	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Substitute Aide Salaries                      Paraprofessional Salaries:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Special Education Extended Yr. Program K-8:	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Special Education Extended Yr. Program 9-12:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Special Education Tutor Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance (Cert and Non-Certified)	\$103,458.92	\$139,346.09
Dental Insurance: (Cert and Non-Certified)	\$1,993.65	\$2,065.20
Life Insurance:	\$620.70	\$439.93
Buy-Out (Certified)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Buy-Out (Non-Certified)	\$10,470.00	\$8,100.00
Retirement (Certified Staff):	\$5,514.96	\$8,053.05
Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$11,817.35	\$15,831.38
F.I.C.A.:	\$34,120.64	\$37,029.69
Unemployment Compensation		\$899.35
Worker's Compensation		\$2,364.90
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Contracted Service Evaluation	\$0.00	\$350.00
Contracted Services:Medicaid Admin Fees	\$3,308.00	\$5,500.00
Special Ed. Para Salaries High School	\$115,477.00	\$117,248.00
Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$100.00
Printing	\$500.00	\$500.00
Spe Ed Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$3,216.00	\$19,066.00
Spe Ed Tuition-Coe Brown:	\$195,435.00	\$209,438.00
Spe Ed Tuition-Non-Public Schools:	\$275,158.00	\$284,097.00
<b>SPE ED SCHOOL SUPPLIES:</b>		
Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$800.00	\$1,500.00
Math Supplies:	\$300.00	\$900.00
Music Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Science Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Studies Supplies:	\$75.00	\$0.00
Computer Supplies:	\$200.00	\$200.00
Consumable Supplies:	\$400.00	\$250.00
General Supplies:		\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00
A. V. Supplies:	\$200.00	\$0.00
Testing Supplies:	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Speech Supplies:		\$0.00
OT Supplies		\$300.00
<b>SPE ED CLASSROOM TEXTS:</b>		
Spe Ed Classroom Textbooks:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spe Ed Classroom Workbooks:	\$1,800.00	\$1,100.00
Spe Ed Classroom Supplemental Textbooks:	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Spe Ed Classroom Reference Books:	\$75.00	\$75.00
Classroom Periodicals:		\$100.00
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		
New Equipment:	\$50.00	\$0.00
New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
Computer Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment:	\$50.00	\$50.00
Replacement of Furniture:	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Dues and Fees:</b>	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL SPE EDU PROGRAMS:</b>	<b>\$1,221,684.17</b>	<b>\$1,344,051.84</b>

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
<b>OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>		
<b>SALARIES:</b>		
Enrichment:	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Co-Curricular:	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Extra Curricular:	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Substitute Stipend	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Environmental School Chaperones</b>		<b>\$2,400.00</b>
<b>Tutoring for At Risk Students</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Retirement (Certified):	\$219.12	\$654.90
Retirement (Non-Certified):		
F.I.C.A.:	\$787.95	\$1,354.05
<b>Contracted Services:</b>		
Contracted Services-Special Events:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Travel Expenses Special Events</b>		<b>\$800.00</b>
Co-Curricula Supplies:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Enrichment Supplies:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Dues and Fees:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Athletic:	\$8,200.00	\$8,200.00
Repairs and Maintenance:	\$200.00	\$200.00
Officials-Umpires-Referees:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Scoreboard	\$500.00	\$500.00
Athletic Supplies:	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Summer School: Literacy Connection Project	\$8,000.00	\$11,500.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER INSTRUC. PROGRAMS:</b>	<b>\$37,707.07</b>	<b>\$49,908.95</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>		
Truant Officer - stipend:	\$500.00	\$500.00
FICA	\$38.25	\$38.25
Retirement (non-cert)	\$29.50	\$34.05
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>\$567.75</b>	<b>\$572.30</b>
<b>GUIDANCE SERVICES:</b>		
Guidance Salaries -	\$79,470.00	\$82,440.00
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance: Certified	\$11,832.33	\$14,347.80
Dental Insurance: Certified	\$637.97	\$660.86
Life Insurance:	\$236.70	\$165.55
Retirement (Certified):	\$1,290.96	\$3,050.28
F.I.C.A.:	\$6,079.46	\$6,306.66
Unemployment Comp		\$80.00
Worker's Comp		\$398.84
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Standardized Testing	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Guidance Supplies:	\$200.00	\$200.00
AV Supplies	\$800.00	\$500.00
Guidance Books:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Guidance Periodicals:	\$175.00	\$175.00
Guidance Dues and Fees:	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$105,822.42</b>	<b>\$113,424.99</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES SALARIES:</b>		
Nurse's Salary:	\$36,350.00	\$38,550.00
Part time Nurse	\$13,940.00	\$14,720.00
Substitute Nurse's Salary:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Insurance:	\$109.05	\$78.64
Buy-Out: (Certified)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Retirement: (Certified)	\$986.04	\$1,463.35
Retirement: (Non Certified)	\$0.00	\$0.00
F.I.C.A.	\$4,000.19	\$4,151.66

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
Unemployment Comp		\$80.00
Worker's Comp		\$280.92
<b>Contracted Services:</b>		
Contracted Services-Staff Physicals:	\$200.00	\$200.00
Contracted Services:	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$100.00
Travel Expenses-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$100.00
Health Supplies-Nurse:	\$1,800.00	\$1,000.00
Health Textbooks-Nurse:	\$200.00	\$200.00
Health Periodicals-Nurse:	\$75.00	\$150.00
Computer Supplies	\$0.00	\$200.00
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		
New Equipment:	\$300.00	\$0.00
New Furniture:		\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment:		\$0.00
Replacement of Furniture:		\$0.00
Dues and Fees:		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$60,410.28</b>	<b>\$63,524.57</b>
<b>SPECIAL CONTRACTED SERVICES:</b>		
Contracted Service-ESOL	\$23,752.39	\$10,000.00
Contracted Service - Hearing Impaired	\$10,121.60	\$9,194.00
Pre-School Diagnostic Unit:	\$4,637.00	\$4,637.00
Contracted Physical Therapy:	\$11,682.00	\$11,682.00
Contracted Occupational Therapy:	\$49,950.00	\$49,950.00
Stafford Learning Center Membership:	\$4,736.00	\$4,889.50
<b>TOTAL SPEC CONTRACTED SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$104,878.99</b>	<b>\$90,352.50</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES:</b>		
Speech Salary:	\$49,950.00	\$51,150.00
Speech Pathologist Part-Time	\$28,480.00	\$35,600.00
Speech Services High School	\$17,732.40	\$12,039.30
Speech Assistants	\$28,346.50	\$31,531.50
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance: (Cert.and Non-Certified)	\$14,413.54	\$14,413.00
Dental Insurance: (Cert.and Non-Certified)	\$398.73	\$413.04
Buy-Out: Cert.	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Life Insurance:	\$239.85	\$165.55
Retirement Certified:	\$2,091.67	\$3,311.50
Retirement Non Certified	\$1,731.44	\$2,147.29
F.I.C.A.:	\$10,635.77	\$9,969.54
Unemployment Comp		\$160.00
Worker's Comp		\$534.32
<b>Supplies:</b>		
Speech Supplies:	\$300.00	\$400.00
Speech Testing Supplies:	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Speech Books	\$200.00	\$450.00
Speech New Equipment:	\$100.00	\$50.00
Speech Furniture		\$150.00
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$157,619.90</b>	<b>\$165,285.04</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION:</b>		
Curriculum Development/Revision:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Summer Curriculum Work	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
FICA	\$994.50	\$994.50
Retirement		\$481.00
Staff Development Stipend:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Teacher Recognition Stipends:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Professional Books:	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00
Course Tuition Reimbursement:	\$22,400.00	\$22,400.00
Tuition (Support Staff):	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
In-Service Training:	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
Staff Development Workshops:	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
SAU Wide Curriculum & Policy Development	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Workshops (Support Staff):	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION:</b>	<b>\$58,594.50</b>	<b>\$62,775.50</b>
<b>LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA:</b>		
<b>SALARIES:</b>		
Librarian-Salary:	\$41,269.15	\$43,942.02
Librarian Aide-Salary	\$12,039.30	\$13,377.70
Librarian Substitute-Salary:	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance : (Cert. & Non-Certified)	\$12,972.12	\$15,572.75
Dental Insurance: (Cert and Non-Certified)	\$398.73	\$413.04
Life Insurance:	\$123.81	\$89.64
Buy-Out (Non-Certified)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Retirement-Certified:	\$1,089.51	\$1,625.85
Retirement-Non-Certified:	\$769.32	\$909.67
F.I.C.A.:	\$4,173.72	\$4,383.44
Unemployment Comp		\$80.00
Worker's Comp		\$296.89
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Contracted Services	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00
Library General Supplies:	\$700.00	\$700.00
Library A.V. Supplies:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Library Books:	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
Library Periodicals:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Computer Software Supplies:	\$6,500.00	\$7,250.00
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		
New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIB &amp; EDU MEDIA:</b>	<b>\$96,285.66</b>	<b>\$106,891.00</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:</b>		
School Board-Salaries:	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
School District Moderator-Salary:	\$100.00	\$100.00
School District Clerk-Salary:	\$250.00	\$250.00
School District Secretary-Salary:	\$1,500.00	\$1,700.00
School District Treasurer-Salary:	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
F.I.C.A.:	\$677.03	\$692.32
Dues and Fees-School Board's Association:	\$3,038.64	\$3,042.21
Advertising-Legal Notices:	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
Contracted Services-School District Audit:	\$3,250.00	\$3,990.00
Contracted Services-Attorney & Negotiator:	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$19,815.67</b>	<b>\$42,774.53</b>
<b>EXPENSES-S.A.U. # 44:</b>	<b>\$243,073.51</b>	<b>\$240,907.70</b>

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:</b>		
<b>COMPENSATION:</b>		
Principal's Salary:	\$74,799.82	\$77,043.81
Assistant Principal:	\$59,740.00	\$60,000.00
Secretary Salary:	\$22,128.75	\$24,984.75
Secretary Salary:	\$18,368.00	\$19,995.50
Health Insurance (Cert.and Non-Certified)	\$24,729.34	\$23,149.82
Dental Insurance (Cert.and Non-Certified)	\$1,092.32	\$1,198.44
Life Insurance	\$678.08	\$689.39
Disability Insurance	\$352.68	\$382.99
Buy-Out	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Retirement (Certified):	\$3,551.86	\$5,061.00
Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$2,448.31	\$3,460.84
F.I.C.A.:	\$13,466.80	\$14,371.58
Unemployment Comp		\$160.00
Worker's Comp		\$946.40
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance:	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Contracted Service:	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Telephone:	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00
Postage:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Printing:	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Travel Expenses:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies and Forms:	\$250.00	\$250.00
Computer Software System Supplies:	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		
New Equipment:		\$0.00
New Furniture:		\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment:		\$0.00
Replacement of Furniture:		\$0.00
Dues and Fees:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Graduation-Class Day Expenses:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:</b>	<b>\$250,105.96</b>	<b>\$262,194.52</b>
<b>OFFICE OF SCH DIST BOOKKEEPER:</b>		
School District Bookkeeper-Salary:	\$26,689.26	\$29,224.45
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance: (Non-Certified)	\$0.00	
(Non-Certified)	\$0.00	
Life Insurance:	\$90.00	\$61.20
Buy-Out	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Retirement:	\$1,574.67	\$2,043.00
F.I.C.A.:	\$2,118.23	\$2,371.50
Unemployment Comp		\$40.00
Worker's Comp		\$144.97
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$100.00
Contracted Service: (Copier & Postage Meter)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Postage:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Travel Expenses:	\$500.00	\$600.00
Supplies:	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Computer Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fund Accounting Software & Maintenance		\$15,900.00
Dues & Fees		
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		
New Equipment:	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Furniture:		\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment:		\$0.00
Replacement of Furniture:		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF BOOKKEEPER:</b>	<b>\$37,972.16</b>	<b>\$57,485.12</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT:</b>		



	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
Head Custodian's Salary:	\$30,978.49	\$32,527.41
Custodian-Salaries:	\$91,520.00	\$99,180.00
Community use of Building Part-Time Custodian	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Summer Employment	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Substitute & Overtime Custodian-Salaries:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>BENEFITS:</b>		
Health Insurance (Non-Certified)	\$32,360.47	\$42,307.38
Dental Insurance - (Non-Certified)	\$398.73	\$413.04
Life Insurance:		
Retirement:	\$7,286.41	\$9,786.41
F.I.C.A.:	\$10,250.88	\$10,611.11
Unemployment Comp		\$200.00
Worker's Comp		\$726.02
<b>Repairs and Maintenance:</b>		
Laundry & Dry Cleaning:	\$300.00	\$300.00
Repairs and Maintenance-Heating Plant:	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00
Repairs and Maint-Equipment:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Repairs and Maint-Furniture & Fix.:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Repairs and Maint-Grounds:	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Repairs and Maint. Oil Tank		\$25,000.00
Repairs and Maint-Building:	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Repairs and Maint-Dam		\$2,500.00
Pagers	\$600.00	\$700.00
Insurance Premium On Bldg & Contents:	\$23,207.80	\$24,370.00
Travel Expenses:	\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>SUPPLIES:</b>		
Supplies-General Custodial:	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00
Supplies-Glass:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies-Lumber:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies-Hardware:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Supplies-Electrical:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies-Plumbing:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>UTILITIES:</b>		
Water (bottled)	\$400.00	\$400.00
Electricity:	\$40,000.00	\$42,000.00
Propane Gas:	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Fuel Oil:	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>Equipment and Furniture:</b>		
New Equipment:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Replacement of Equipment:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Replacement of Furniture:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Contracted Services:</b>		
Contracted Service-Rubbish Removal:	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Recycling	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Snow Removal:		\$1,500.00
Contracted Service-Fire Alarm Service:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Contracted Service-MasterClock & Intercom:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Security System	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>Water Treatment/Related Exp.</b>		
State Mandated-Water Testing:	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
Contracted Service-Septic Tank Maintenance:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT OF PLT:</b>	<b>\$367,902.78</b>	<b>\$431,621.37</b>

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:</b>		
Elementary School Transportation:	\$219,290.00	\$237,123.20
High School Transportation:	\$12,640.00	\$22,000.00
Special Education Transportation:	\$45,835.00	\$64,700.00
Athletic Transportation:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Class-Field Trip Transportation:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Co-curricular:		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:</b>	<b>\$283,265.00</b>	<b>\$329,323.20</b>
<b>INSURANCES, COMPENSATION, RETIREMENT:</b>		
Health Insurance:		
Dental Insurance:		
Life Insurance:	\$100.00	
Administrative: Section 125 Plan	\$400.00	
Unemployment Compensation	\$1,000.00	
Worker's Compensation	\$13,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INSUR., COMP., RETIRE.:</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS &amp; CONS:</b>		
Roof and Septic Repair		\$0.00
New School Building Committee (engineering & testing)		\$0.00
Land Development		
Air Quality Study		
<b>TOTAL FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS &amp; CONS:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>		
Payment of Interest:	\$2,890.00	\$0.00
Payment of Principal:	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:</b>	<b>\$87,890.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Transfer to Capital Reserve</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

		2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
Total General Fund		\$8,002,050.42	\$8,495,117.74
<b>Food Service Program:</b>			
Salaries-Food Service Director		\$25,088.16	\$25,840.70
Salaries-Food Service Workers		\$29,664.75	\$32,467.50
Substitute		\$500.00	\$600.00
Health	(Non-Certified)	\$9,180.99	\$11,314.97
Dental	(Non-Certified)	\$0.00	
Retirement	(Non-Certified)	\$1,480.20	\$1,759.76
Buy-Out			
FICA		\$4,188.60	\$4,460.59
Unemployment Comp			\$146.92
Worker's Comp			\$806.59
Contracted Services		\$0.00	\$0.00
Education		\$500.00	\$500.00
Equipment Repairs		\$50.00	\$200.00
Transportation		\$150.00	\$150.00
Telephone			\$0.00
Postage		\$60.00	\$60.00
Legal Notices (advertising)		\$85.00	\$85.00
Other Expenses			\$0.00
Supplies		\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
Uniforms			\$0.00
Food/Milk		\$65,000.00	\$70,597.00
Propane Gas		\$400.00	\$700.00
Replacement of Equipment		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Dues & Fees		\$100.00	\$100.00
		<b>\$139,297.70</b>	<b>\$152,639.03</b>

	2004-2005 Approved	2005-2006 Proposed
<b>Budget Summary</b>		
Regular Education Programs:	\$4,853,954.60	\$5,134,024.61
Special Instructional Programs:	\$1,221,684.17	\$1,344,051.84
Co-Curricular Activities:	\$37,707.07	\$49,908.95
Attendance:	\$567.75	\$572.30
Guidance:	\$105,822.42	\$113,424.99
Health:	\$60,410.28	\$63,524.57
Special Contracted Services:	\$104,878.99	\$90,352.50
Speech Services:	\$157,619.90	\$165,285.04
Improvement of Instruction:	\$58,594.50	\$62,775.50
Library and Educational Media:	\$96,285.66	\$106,891.00
School Board Services:	\$19,815.67	\$42,774.53
Expenses - S.A.U. # 44:	\$243,073.51	\$240,907.70
Office of The Principal:	\$250,105.96	\$262,194.52
Office of The Bookkeeper:	\$37,972.16	\$57,485.12
Operation and Maintenance of Plant:	\$367,902.78	\$431,621.37
Pupil Transportation Services:	\$283,265.00	\$329,323.20
Managerial Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurances, Compensation, Retirement:	\$14,500.00	\$0.00
Facilities Acquisitions:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Service:	\$87,890.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals General Fund</b>	<b>\$8,027,050.42</b>	<b>\$8,495,117.74</b>
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$8,027,050.42</b>	<b>\$8,495,117.74</b>
<b>Food Service Total</b>	<b>\$139,297.70</b>	<b>\$152,639.03</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$8,166,348.12</b>	<b>\$8,647,756.77</b>

**STRAFFORD SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES**

	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>
Instruction	\$ 1,017,643.15	\$ 581,440.95
Related Services		
Transportation	\$ 104,100.94	\$ 45,997.25
Tuition	\$ 491,275.21	\$ 499,810.15
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,613,019.30</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,248.35</b>
<b>Itemized Revenue Sources</b>		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ 455.05	\$ 20,868.06
Tuition Received	\$ 19,882.60	
Adequacy	\$ 344,675.00	\$ 326,796.00
<b>IDEA Entitlement</b>		
Part B (3-21)	\$ 79,395.00	\$ 79,395.00
Preschool	\$ 6,553.53	\$ 6,553.53
Medicaid	\$ 36,648.99	\$ 56,016.25
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 487,610.17</b>	<b>\$ 489,628.84</b>
<b>Actual District Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,125,409.13</b>	<b>\$ 637,619.51</b>

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SAU #44 Strafford  
Strafford School District Meeting  
March 3, 2004  
7:00 PM

**School Board Members:**

Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman  
Ms. Jane Vachon, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Joanne Piper-Lang  
Mr. R. Steven Leighton  
Mr. Andrew Carter

**Others:**

Mrs. Judith McGann, SAU Special Education Coordinator  
Mrs. Doreen Wittenberg, Business Manager, SAU #44  
Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal  
Ms. Esther T. Cole, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Carrolle A. Popovich, School District Clerk

Moderator Dennis Vachon opened the March 3, 2004 Strafford School District Meeting at 7:03 PM. He introduced Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal, and Strafford School, who led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Jenisch then introduced Ms. Kim Lachance, Strafford School Music Teacher, who asked for audience participation, while she led Caitlin McGann, Katharine Ambrose, Marissa St. Laurent, Erin Hillow, Nikita Cook, Kameran Hermenau, Kayla Moody and Frances Goodwin in singing the National Anthem. Ms. Lachance also led the young ladies in singing America the Beautiful.

Moderator Vachon reviewed the proceedings for the evening's Strafford School District Meeting. He explained that he would take up each Warrant Article, as listed in the Warrant by first reading the Article, and then would ask a member of the Strafford School Board to make the appropriate motion and second. Moderator Vachon went on to explain that, during the course of the meeting, no one could speak, unless recognized by the Moderator. He also asked those wishing to speak to use the microphone, and to state their name for the record. Moderator Vachon continued, noting that he would only accept amendment in writing, further stating that all speakers be courteous. He further stated that all questions and comments should be addressed to him as Moderator. Moderator Vachon also asked that people only speak once, so that others could have an equal opportunity to speak. Lastly, Moderator Vachon stated that he, as Moderator, would have anyone removed who does not follow the rules of the evening's meeting.

Moderator Vachon then Warrant Article #1 aloud:

**Warrant Article #1** - To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officer's chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

At this point in the meeting, **Ms. Piper-Lang moved Warrant Article 1 as read. Vice Chairman Vachon seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued, with Mr. Andrew Carter, Strafford School Board Member and Chairman of the New School Planning Committee, speaking on behalf of the New School Planning Committee.

**New School Planning Committee:**

Mr. Carter noted that the committee had done a lengthy review of all of the options available. He indicated that, after a great deal of time, it was determined that the statistics for the Town of Strafford do not support the building of a new school at this time. Mr. Carter noted however, that the current Strafford School building is in need of immediate attention, pointing out the fact that

there is inadequate space within the facility to meet the needs; the modular units are falling apart, and there are problems with the water system. Mr. Carter explained that the New School Planning Committee would get together after the March Town Meeting. He then recognized those members of the New School Planning Committee who were in the audience.

**Land Development Committee:**

Ms. Judith Depre', Co-Chairman of the School Land Development Committee, then read a written report of her committee. The following was noted for the record: "The Land Development Committee met only twice this year. Committee members agreed to wait for direction while the School Building Committee, which was active throughout 2003, firmed up its recommendations. We felt that it was most important to coordinate with whatever direction the school district was taking with building projects, as building plans would determine what could be done with the property and where. We are all in agreement that the rear of the property (the area beyond Hill's pond) will be used for passive recreation – hopefully a trail system for walking, cross-country skiing, etc. and for conservation. However, at this point, even providing access to the property involved coordinating decisions on where roads will be improved, parking areas established, and so on. We are pleased to announce that one of our local Coe-Brown students will be organizing a spring clean up of the property. Please watch the Calendar for more information. Remember that this wonderful land belongs to all of us. The School District has now decided that building plans are on hold for the moment, so we feel that it is time to get our committee together and begin planning for recreational public access to that portion of the land that is not reserved for future schools. We would ask that our Committee be extended for another year. We hope to schedule a public forum later this spring in order to get community input on possible uses for the property. We also would be working with Strafford Recreational Sports, the Alliance for Community Enhancement, and the Strafford Conservation Commission. New members are always welcome – please watch the Strafford Community Calendar for meeting dates and news."

Moderator Vachon then read Warrant Article #2 aloud:

**Warrant Article #2** - To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the school district capital reserve fund for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings as well as all or part of the cost of new construction for the school district in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch 35, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2004.

**Mr. Andrew Carter then moved, duly seconded by Ms. Piper-Lang Warrant Article #2 as read.** Discussion ensued with Mr. Leighton explaining that this Article is included in the Strafford School budget every year. He stated that the Board was asking for the amount of \$25,000. to be placed in the Capital Reserve Account, as there is necessary work to be done on the school. The Honorable Michael Harrington asked what the total amount in the Capital Reserve Account presently. He was informed that presently, there is \$157,050.63 in the Capital Reserve Account. There being no further discussion, Moderator Vachon re-read Warrant Article # once again. He then called for a vote on the motion. **On a show of cards, Warrant Article #2 was voted in the affirmative and was declared as such by the Moderator.**

Moderator Vachon then read Warrant Article #3 aloud:

**Warrant Article #3** - To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

**Chairman Bruce Patrick then moved that the Strafford School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,141,348.09 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school**

district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district. Mr. Andrew Carter seconded the motion.

Chairman Patrick spoke to the budget, explaining that the Strafford School District is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year contract with teachers. He referenced the Strafford School District Proposed School District Budget – 2004-2005 – Major Areas of Increase. Chairman Patrick pointed out that in the five areas, as noted, there was a \$244,644.48 increase. The following was noted:

	CURRENT APPROVED BUDGET 03-04	PROPOSED BUDGET 04-05	I INCREASE
Reg. Ed. Teacher Salaries	\$1,385,230.85	\$1,447,450.00	(+) \$62,219.15
Reg. Ed. Health Benefits	\$ 184,839.57	\$ 217,116.01	(+) \$32,276.44
Coe-Brown Tuition	\$2,633,440.00	\$2,701,842.00	(+) \$68,402.00
Tuition – Other Public Schools	\$ 41,325.00	\$ 78,722.96	(+) \$37,397.96
Special Education – inclusive (Contracted Services, Speech Services and Special Education Transportation	\$1,467,033.80	\$1,530,018.07	(+) \$62,984.27
TOTAL BUDGET	\$7,896,703.61	\$8,141,348.09	\$244,644.48
PROPOSED BUDGET	\$8,141,348.09		

At this point in the meeting, The Honorable Michael Harrington spoke about several House Bills currently before the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He spoke about House Bill 608, noting that there were two versions of this bill – one on the House of Representatives side and one on the Senate side. Representative Harrington stated that a recent change in the law occurred as to how grants are calculated. He explained that calculations had been done using a formula, whereas now they are based on the consumer price index. He stressed that there has to be some control of spending at the town level. Representative Harrington raised a question regarding the reason for the large increase in the Director of Technology's salary at the Strafford School (1100 110 20.3 – Director of Technology – 2004-2005 proposed \$43,000.00). Moderator Vachon recognized Mr. Richard Jenisch, who explained that the position of Director of Technology is a year round position. He pointed out that technology directors in other school districts make more than the Directory of Technology for the Strafford School. Mr. Jenisch went on to explain that Mr. Bonneau has been a great value in keeping the schools networked system up and running, does installation of phone lines, and keeps the school up-to-date in technology. Mr. Jenisch also pointed out with interest that since the arrival of Mr. Bonneau, the Strafford School has spent less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for computer repairs, as he was able to most of the necessary work himself, thus saving the school district money. Mr. Jenisch also spoke about the numerous responsibilities that the Director of Technology handles, adding that Mr. Bonneau was "top notch" at his job. Lastly, Mr. Jenisch noted that Mr. Bonneau does a superior job, has performed excellent in his position, and as a result, the Board did authorize this increase.

Moderator Vachon recognized Mr. Louis Catano, who asked about the disciplinary management program at the Strafford School; the frequency of usage; and why these issues were not being dealt with during the school week. Mr. Jenisch was called upon to speak, and advised that initially, this program was initiated as a pilot program last year. Mr. Jenisch explained that several other interventions are put in place before requiring the student to attend Saturday School. He noted that Saturday School is utilized when all other interventions have failed, stating that it has been extremely effective. Mr. Jenisch stated that the numbers range from a few to as many as eight students have utilized Saturday School. It was also noted by Mr. Jenisch that a certified teacher and an aide run Saturday School. He concluded, noting that Saturday School exists in many other school districts.

Representative Harrington rose and stated that the increase in the budget was approximately 3%. He questioned the 9.8% increase in the Coe-Brown tuition rate, and asked the Board if they knew why Coe-Brown's tuition rate was going up. He commented that Coe-Brown Northwood Academy's tuition rate is higher than at some other area high schools. Chairman Bruce Patrick



stated that although the Board is happy with the education that Strafford students receive at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, they are not happy with the cost of tuition. He pointed out that in the February 2004 edition of the *Strafford Community Calendar*, the names of all of the Board of Trustees to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy were listed, many of which are from Strafford. Representative Harrington asked if Coe-Brown Northwood Academy provided the Board with an explanation regarding the tuition increase. Chairman Patrick noted the formula used by Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, noting that CBNA is a public chartered academy. Chairman Patrick pointed out that at prior Public Forums; it was the overall sense of the Strafford community that although the community was happy with the education provided to Strafford students at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy there was little interest in building a new high school. Mr. Johnson was recognized to speak and noted that the Strafford School Board did approve the contract with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy and was concerned about the scale of size.

Moderator Vachon read Warrant Article #3 again. There being no further discussion, **Moderator Vachon called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, Moderator Vachon declared that the vote on Warrant Article #3 passed.**

**Warrant Article - #4 - To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.**

Moderator Vachon recognized Vice Chairman Vachon who moved Warrant Article #4 as read by the Moderator. Ms. Piper-Lang seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with Chairman Bruce Patrick explaining that Warrant Article #4 will allow the Board to re-institute committees and board as the Strafford School Board sees fit. Chairman Patrick asked that if there was anyone who was interested in serving on any committee to please approach the Board.

Moderator Vachon read Warrant Article #4 again. **He then called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, Warrant Article #4 was declared as passed.**

**Warrant Article #5 - To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.**

At this point in the meeting, Vice Chairman Vachon was recognized to speak. She spoke on behalf of the Strafford School Board, and thanked Ms. Joanne Piper-Lang for her six (6) dedicated years of service as a Strafford School Board member and Mr. R. Stephen Leighton for his nine (9) dedicated years of service. She stated that the Strafford community has been very lucky to have these two individuals as school board members. She then presented Ms. Piper-Lang and Mr. Leighton with gifts of appreciation from the other Strafford School Board Members.

Moderator Vachon asked if there was anything further to come before the 2004-2005 Strafford School District Meeting. There being none, he recognized **Representative Michael Harrington who moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was duly seconded. Moderator Vachon declared the 2004-2005 Strafford School District Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carrolle A. Popovich  
Strafford School District Clerk  
Approved by the Board – 3-16-2004

## *Graduating Class of 2004*

*Joseph A. Ascoli  
Ross John Bennette  
Jillian Ashleigh Bibeau  
Alicia J. Boyle  
Derek R. Carlson  
Jack Gregory Chingas  
Thomas William Chingas  
Tyler Crabtree  
Dana M. Crickard  
Ricky Curtis  
Kevin James Cutter  
Cory Deshong  
Tyler Dunkerley  
Holly Robin Dutcher  
Timothy Andrew Foss  
Brian A. Freeman  
Kevin Gale  
Andrew David Garvin  
Danielle Marie Gerber  
Tyler S. Goodell  
Marilyn Goscinski  
Emily Rose Gosselin*

*Sarah Jane Gosselin  
Michael F. Graffam  
Leah C. Graham  
Matthew Brandon Harnish  
Douglas Hatfield  
Adrianna Joanna Hey  
Jesse Roggenbauer Horne  
Allyson M. Kester  
Abigail Hannah Lang  
Abigail E. Leavitt  
Benjamin Scott Lebel  
Alyssa Anne Livermore  
Bethany A. Lyons  
Lyndsey J. McGlinchey  
Colin M. Miner  
Ronald Murphy  
Victoria J. Mutschler  
Michael Andrew Olsson  
Leigh Anna Osborne  
Randy Scott Osborne  
John Pappas*

*Tyler Patrick  
Pat Payne  
Roberto Ranno  
Tyler Damon Ray  
Hannah Elyse Reed  
Bianca Liset Rivera  
Ezekiel Timothy Reynolds  
Adrienne E. Riley  
Ryan Robert Robichaud  
Kasey Routhier  
Marcus E. Rowe  
Meagan N. Savioli  
Joseph Terry Jr.  
Ryan Andrew Thibeault  
Kayla Thornton  
Ryan Thornton  
Anthony J. Twombly  
Cameron Ryan Twombly  
William Joseph Walsh  
Jade Alexa Wilcox  
Tara J. Yeaton*

**Thank you to the Strafford School PTO for the gift certificates presented to each graduating student and also for providing a financial contribution to the 8th Grade class trip.**

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Groom's Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Bride's Residence</b>
1/1/04	Preston B. Hogshead	Strafford, NH	Anne R. Follett	Strafford, NH
4/1/04	Mark K. Silberman	Strafford, NH	Nina M. Brown	Chebeague Island, ME
4/14/04	Mark A. Estey	Strafford, NH	Amy L. Marquardt	Strafford, NH
4/17/04	Scott E. Feegel	Strafford, NH	Julie L. Rabchenuk	Nashua, NH
5/14/04	David R. Brady	Strafford, NH	Krista M. Buckner	Strafford, NH
5/22/04	Wade E. Foss	Strafford, NH	Diane M. Brown	Strafford, NH
5/30/04	Ian C. Muir	Strafford, NH	Kelley M. Caskey	Strafford, NH
6/6/04	Bryon J. Forbes	Strafford, NH	Sarah L. Fox	Strafford, NH
7/3/04	Henry D. Doliber	Milton, NH	Carrie L. Tasker	Strafford, NH
7/4/04	Roger S. Burkhardt	Strafford, NH	Ellen W. Lankhorst	Brookfield, NH
7/24/04	Michael P. Harris	Strafford, NH	Suzanne M. Bergeron	Strafford, NH
7/31/04	Michael T. Burovac	Strafford, NH	Laurie Gee	Strafford, NH
8/7/04	Daniel W. Mooers	Strafford, NH	Katrina L. Hartlen	Strafford, NH
8/7/04	Jered J. Heath	Strafford, NH	Kristen A. Phinney	Strafford, NH
8/16/04	Nathan A. Hurteau	Strafford, NH	Michelle Smith	Dover, NH
9/4/04	Joseph C. Longo	Strafford, NH	Dorothy A. Bickford	Strafford, NH
10/2/04	Robert M. Jeffers	Strafford, NH	Jenny L. Irving	Strafford, NH
10/27/04	Charles E. Leas	Dover, NH	Heather S. Brown	Strafford, NH

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
1/8/04	Rylee Mae Barry	Concord, NH	Scott Barry	Tania Barry
1/23/04	Tucker Edward Collins	Dover, NH	Michael Collins	Andrea Collins
2/11/04	Hailey Anne Woodcock	Dover, NH	Nolan Woodcock	Kellie Woodcock
2/20/04	Titus George Abraham Bauchmann	Concord, NH	Eric Bauchmann	Heather Bauchmann
3/4/04	Amber Rose Knight	Dover, NH	Andrew Knight	Cynthia Knight
3/16/04	Andrew James Gagne	Dover, NH	Marc Gagne	Julie Gagne
3/25/04	Hunter Michael Graham	Manchester, NH	Jeffrey Graham	Marlene Graham
3/26/04	Trenton Bruce Denuyter	Manchester, NH	Kevin Denuyter	Jennifer Denuyter
3/27/04	Athan Randall Solsky	Hopkinton, NH	Scott Solsky	Lisabritt Solsky
4/13/04	Robert Hunter Kelsea	Manchester, NH	Robert Kelsea	Shanandoah Kelsea
4/19/04	Alyssa Kathleen Chalifour	Portsmouth, NH	Joseph Chalifour	Robin Chalifour
4/23/04	Emma Noel Brunelle	Rochester, NH	Craig Brunelle	Victoria Brunelle
4/25/04	Eleanor Joan Labrie	Dover, NH	Joseph Labrie	Jody Labrie
4/27/04	David James Brady	Concord, NH	David Brady	Krista Bucker
4/29/04	Olivia Maya Townsend Buzzell	Concord, NH	Warren Buzzell	Rebecca Buzzell
6/6/04	Elizabeth Marin White	Dover, NH	Jonathan White	Carrie White
6/16/04	Elizabeth Margo Marston	Rochester, NH	Henry Marston	Elissh Marston
6/19/04	Charles Tidwell Jones	Dover, NH	Todd Jones	Margaret Jones
6/25/04	Sabinalin Hope Jeffers	Rochester, NH	Robert Jeffers	Jenny Jeffers
6/25/04	Shane Russell Young	Dover, NH	Matthew Young	Kathy Young
6/27/04	William Earl Sawyer	Concord, NH	Robert Sawyer	Elizabeth Sawyer
8/19/04	Landon Foster Rafeal	Portsmouth, NH	William Rafeal	Andrea Rafeal
8/27/04	Tyler Allen Prusia	Concord, NH	Chad Prusia	Christine Prusia
9/8/04	Griffin Owen Goodwin	Portsmouth, NH	Adam Goodwin	Kelly Goodwin
9/14/04	Samantha Genie Goodson	Concord, NH	Casey Goodson	Brandi Goodson
9/20/04	Hailey Jean Feegel	Nashua, NH	Scott Feegel	Julie Feegel
10/1/04	Christopher Jeffrey Grimbilas	Portsmouth, NH	Thomas Grimbilas	Jodi Grimbilas
10/5/04	Nathaniel Thomas Ford	Dover, NH	Duane Ford	Caryn Lasky
10/16/04	Sawyer John Welch	Exeter, NH	Ai Welch	Danielle Welch
10/16/04	Daisy Lee Rowe-Fiscus	Rochester, NH		Stacie Rowe
11/1/04	Jack David Whitcher	Concord, NH	Michael Whitcher	Marcy Whitcher
11/3/04	Ashleigh Elizabeth Flanders	Portsmouth, NH	Timothy Flanders	Tara Flanders
11/5/04	Aiden Michael Reid	Rochester, NH	John Reid	Antonette Reid
12/12/04	Sheldyn Jane-Marie Fisher	Rochester, NH	Ronald Fisher	Karyn Fisher
12/17/04	Carly Tressa Hardy	Dover, NH	Todd Hardy	Christine Hardy
12/21/04	Brendan Michael Castine	Manchester, NH	Brad Castine	Kristen Castine

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
1/5/04	Jayne C. Kennedy	Strafford, NH	George Carroll	Ruth Armstead
1/14/04	Walter Thurston	Rochester, NH	Walter Thurston	Violet Eaton
1/25/04	Irene W. Hutchinson	Epsom, NH	George Webb	Wileta Belknap
1/31/04	Ernest B. Brown	Concord, NH	Ernest Brown	Anne Ellis
2/24/04	Sheila Hamilton	Strafford, NH	William Kerivan	Rita O'Grady
2/26/04	Clara M. Enz	Epsom, NH	William Michels	Maria Schmitzlar
4/19/04	Henry Tebbetts	Portsmouth, NH	Fred Tebbetts	Elna Armstrong
5/15/04	Merrill Steward	Rochester, NH	Roy Steward	Clara Merrill
5/30/04	Allen Thompson	Strafford, NH	Melroy Thompson	Ruth Whitley
6/22/04	Charles Copeland	Epsom, NH	Walter Copeland	Marguerite Horrigan
7/9/04	Albert Routhier	Rochester, NH	Arthur Routhier	Marjorie Brouchu
7/12/04	Burnham Varney	Rochester, NH	Edward Varney	Evelyn Brown
7/22/04	Beatrice Varney	Dover, NH	Roland Sanborn	Alice Gray
8/11/04	Russell Manter	Strafford, NH	Horace Manter	Isabel Hutchings
10/12/04	Dorothy McDonough	Strafford, NH	John Whalen	Catherine Malone
10/25/04	Joyce Gonther	Strafford, NH	Lee Whitney	Pauline Jenness
11/1/04	Mathias Marquardt	Dover, NH	Mathias Marquardt	Ruby Dennis
11/1/04	Gertrude Carson	Strafford, NH	Gustav Jacobson	Minnie Johnson
11/25/04	Ellen Stiles	Rochester, NH	Lewis Brown	Frances Weed
12/8/04	Edward Emerson	Lebanon, NH	Edward Emerson	Susan Hood
12/8/04	Donald Richard	Strafford, NH	Maurice Richard	Lucia Drouin
12/11/04	Anthony Ferraro	Rochester, NH	Michael Ferraro	Gilda Digrolamo
12/16/04	Ruth Grossen	Strafford, NH	Harry Grossen	Grace Crowl
12/28/04	Beatrice Reynolds	Lebanon, NH	Chester Sheldon	Bertha Walker





